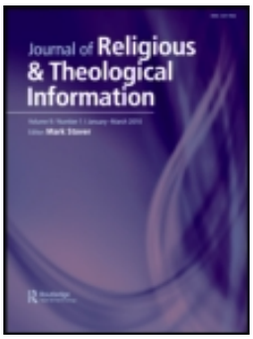

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> I told the brethren that the Book of Mormon was the most correct of any book on earth, and the keystone of our religion, and a man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts, than by any other book.
>
> *Joseph Smith, Jr.*
> *(28 November 1841)*[1]

The Book of Mormon is called the keystone of the Mormon Church. The Mormon Church, or more accurately, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) was established in New York state on 6 April 1830.[2] The Church was founded by Joseph Smith Jr. (1805-1844) who was then 24 years of age.

Before the genesis of the Church, Thomas Paine's *Age of Reason* (1794) was a book that became influential in the igniting of the Second Great Awakening. This "awakening" preceded the creation of not only Mormonism, but several other religious movements as well. The predecessor to the Second Great Awakening–which occurred after the War of 1812–was the Great Revival of 1800. Both religious resurgences pummeled the same western New York area just 12 years apart. Each era was marked by such sensationalistic evangelism, searing religious confrontation, and emotional con-

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version that historians now call this entire region the Burned-Over District.[3]

Over one hundred and sixty years later, this group, commonly called Mormons, numbers more than 8.5 million members worldwide.[4] Undeniably, no other Christian religion in America has borne the brunt of more public, political, or ecclesiastical animosity and misinformation than the Latter-day Saints. "Theirs is the story of a religious minority, generally unpopular and often harassed–a group that some scholars think was the most persecuted religious community in early America."[5]

They have been proclaimed and judged by many as either a cult, an anti-Christian sect, an unorthodox form of Protestantism, a new type of religion or an American subculture. Because of the sensationalism that usually accompanies publications about Mormonism (whether pro or anti) it has been stated that "Mormonism is one complex human phenomenon that is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to write about with anything resembling fairness."[6] This subject of fairness has always been a problem with publications on or about Mormons or Mormonism; the significance of that problem has now burgeoned with the quantity of publications. In fact, the amount of published and unpublished works on Mormonism is greater now than ever before.

The two fundamental concerns that I wish to address in this bibliography are: (1) With the vast amount of material now available on Mormonism, how does one keep up with the abundance of it, and (2) how does one tell the difference between the fair, balanced, and well-researched material, versus the superficially examined and polemical publications? Both are difficult questions and unless one is familiar with the topic and the various locales where answers may be found, the task is overwhelming. This bibliography will try to answer the above questions, as well as serve to aid the reader/researcher in learning more about the various materials that are available on this unique religion.[7]

As you read the following pages, it will presently become clear that the history section is not only the largest single portion of this bibliography, but also the fastest growing. Since the 1950s, the field of Mormon history has flourished with a plethora of publications,

both popular and scholastic, both in periodicals and monographs, and unfortunately, many polemic and apologetic.[8]

The publications included in this bibliography are limited to those that examine the Utah LDS Church and its movement. Monographs are given priority over dissertations, dissertations received preference over theses, which received selection over articles, which are used when the aforementioned materials are not available on a particular subject. The rules for inclusion were a mixture between (1) the most current source available, and (2) those works that are *both* scholarly and objective. The subject areas, as with the titles are selected to (1) provide the researcher with a reference/ reading guide, and (2) provide librarians, faculty and staff with an acquisitions list.

The evaluative segment of the annotation is supplied to help the user select the material best suited for his or her needs. Also included with some current or controversial titles are selected reviews that should provide the reader, librarian, or researcher with a better understanding of either the author, the work, or the methodology of the work.

With the evaluation may be an explanation of certain items or details that directly pertain to the given subject. This is done for didactical reasons and in order to provide the user with enough information and detail to (1) understand the citation, and (2) to be able to go directly to the needed source.[9] I also must note my personal perspective in regards to especially this part of the bibliography. By training, I am an academic reference librarian, and personally, I grew up within the LDS tradition. As such, I hope I have been able to perceive and understand some aspects and attributes of Mormon belief, writing and history from the "inside" that would have escaped the "Gentile" researcher or bibliographer. On the other hand, I have tried to avoid any polemical statements within my annotations–on both sides of the fence, although there are a few pointed editorial criticisms concerning the issues of access to historical materials and the cancellation of printed materials.

Within the annotations may be an addendum source consisting of another book, dissertation, thesis, or article. These are provided as secondary resources that are intended to furnish a larger or more complete portrayal of the topic.

The ending date for inclusion consideration was January 1994. ISBN (International Standard Book Number), LC (Library of Congress) and OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) control numbers are provided to help facilitate the inter-library loan process. For acquiring out-of-print materials consult one of the listed merchants specializing in Mormon publications.[10]

All titles included in this bibliography are recommended for both research and purchase. For organizational purposes the subject areas are listed alphabetically.

NOTES

1. *History of the Church.* 2nd rev. ed., 7 vols. Edited by B. H. Roberts. Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1976 [c1932, c1951], vol. 4: 461.

Smith, Joseph Fielding. *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith.* Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1977 [c1938], p. 194.

2. The terms Mormons, Latter-day Saints, LDS, Saints, and members are used synonymously in this bibliography. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will often be cited or referred to as the Church.

3. Cross, Whitney R. *The Burned-Over District: The Social and Intellectual History of Enthusiastic Religion in Western New York, 1800-1850.* N.Y.: Cornell Univ. Press, 1950.

4. The last five years of growth in Church membership are: 1988-6,720,000; 1989-7,300,000; 1990-7,760,000; 1991-8,120,000; and 1992-8,406,895. "Church Notes 1992 Growth." *Ensign* 23 (August 1993) 75; and "Update: Church Membership." *Ensign* 23 (May 1993) 98.

5. Arrington, Leonard J. and Davis Bitton. *The Mormon Experience: A History of the Latter-day Saints.* NY: Vintage Books, 1979, p. xi.

6. O'Dea, Thomas F. *The Mormons.* Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1964, p. vii.

7. For serious researchers–future writers of dissertations, theses, articles, and monographs on Mormonism–I recommend that you consult *Mormon Americana: A Guide to Sources and Special Collections in the United States* (should be published in late 1994), edited by David J. Whittaker (BYU Library), to enhance your understanding of where and what institutions house which Mormon documents.

Since the purpose of research is to advance knowledge in a specific field, it must be self-evident that an author or researcher who does not avail him or herself of the accessible materials on a given subject is no more than a poor excuse for an armchair explorer–and any work produced from such efforts has no purpose or function in any collection. Indeed, any future use of such material as a building block of knowledge will result in nothing more than fallacy.

8. Prompted by the above, and because of space, the author recommends an article, an essay, and a book that will give more background and details to this discipline called Mormon History.

Marvin Hill, "The 'New Mormon History' Reassessed in Light of Recent Books on Joseph Smith and Mormon Origins," in *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 21 (Autumn 1988) 115-127.

James B. Allen, "Since 1950: Creators and Creations of Mormon History," pp. 407-438, in Bitton and Beecher, eds., *New Views of Mormon History: A Collection of Essays in Honor of Leonard J. Arrington.* Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1987.

Bitton, Davis and Leonard J. Arrington. *Mormons and Their Historians.* Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1988.

9. A general problem faced by non-Latter-day Saints when reading or researching Mormonism is the different vocabulary or terminology used within the Church. An excellent explanation on Mormon organization and jargon may be found in Philip L. Barlow's *Mormons and the Bible: The Place of the Latter-day Saints in American Religion.* NY: Oxford University Press, 1991, pp. xxvi-xxix; or in the Glossary (pages 1764-1773) of the *Encyclopedia of Mormonism.*

10. For acquiring out of print volumes on Mormonism the following bookstores will be helpful: (1) Sam Weller's Zion's Bookstore, 254 S. Main, Salt Lake City, UT 84101, 801-328-2586; (2) Benchmark Books, P.O. Box 9027, Salt Lake City, UT 84109-0027, 801-532-3100; (3) John J. Hajicek's Rare Mormon Books, 4325 Mormon Road, P.O. Box 472, Burlington, WI 53105-0472, 1-800-862-5667; (4) Eborn Books, P.O. Box 2093, Peoria, AZ 85380-2093, 602-979-0707; (5) Orrin Schwab-Books, P.O. Box 4502, Logan, UT 84321-4502, 801-755-9124; and (6) Seagull Books, 1720 South Redwood Road, Salt Lake City, UT 84104, 801-972-6006.

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Bashore, Melvin L. and Linda L. Haslam. *Mormon Pioneer Companies Crossing the Plains (1847-1868) Narratives: Guide to Sources in Utah Libraries and Archives.* 3rd rev. ed., Salt Lake City: Historical Department, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1990. 298pp. OCLC 22010162.

This useful manuscript lists only primary first-person accounts–either published or manuscript. The text is arranged by year and then divided by company. Because the volume is in manuscript form, it may be hard to locate–it is helpful to note that a microfilm copy of the manuscript may be ordered as an inter-library loan item from any local LDS Family History Center (see genealogy section).

Bashore, Melvin L. and Linda L. Haslam. *Mormons on the High Seas: Ocean Voyage Narratives to America (1840-1890): Guide to Sources in the Historical Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and other Utah Repositories.* 3rd rev. ed., Salt Lake City: Historical Department, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1990. 88pp.

This valuable work lists only primary first-person accounts–either published or manuscript. The text is arranged alphabetically by name of ship. Because the volume is in manuscript form, it may be hard to locate–it is

helpful to note that a microfilm copy of the manuscript may be ordered as an inter-library loan item from any LDS Family History Center.

In addition to the above guide one may wish to consult Conway B. Sonne's volume, *Ships, Saints, and Mariners: A Maritime Encyclopedia of Mormon Migration, 1830-1890*, Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1987, 243pp., ISBN 0-874-80270-9. The text describes more than 300 sailing and steam vessels involved in the Mormon migration. The volume includes illustrations, bibliography and an index.

Bibliography of Social Scientific, Historical, and Popular Writings About Mormon Women. Compiled and edited by Karen Purser Frazier and Kae Sawyer, Women's Research Institute, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT. 1990. 178pp.

An author listing of 1,170 books, articles, unpublished theses, dissertations and conference papers that are classified into 31 subject areas. The areas include autobiography, biography, family, gender roles, work and the family, women and the priesthood, education, disaffiliation, theology, working women, marriage, polygamy and politics. For further information write (or for procurement send $17.50) to Women's Research Institute, 970 SWKT, BYU, Provo, UT 84602.

Bitton, Davis. *Guide to Mormon Diaries & Autobiographies.* Provo, UT: Brigham Young University Press, 1977. 417pp. ISBN 0-842-51478-3.

This volume is an author list of 2,894 diaries, journals and memoirs of the 19th and 20th centuries. Descriptive notes include the birth and death date of the author, dates of coverage and the holding institution. This volume is the best guide for historical researchers requiring primary documents. It also includes a place-name and subject-content index. Annoying to the researcher will be the absence of holding entries from some notable libraries (e.g., Huntington) that have copies of these same diaries, journals, and manuscripts.

Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, College of Religious Instruction. *A Catalogue of Theses and Dissertations Concerning the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Mormonism, and Utah; Completed to January 1970.* Compiled by Wayne E. Brickey, Provo, UT: Brigham Young University Printing Service, 1971. 742pp. OCLC 585486.

Includes masters theses and doctoral dissertations from institutions throughout the United States through 1969. Class arrangement, with detailed subject index.

Clement, Russell T. *Mormons in the Pacific: A Bibliography.* Laie, Hawaii: Inst. for Polynesian Studies, 1981. 239pp. ISBN 0-939-15417-X (also available in pbk., ISBN 0-939-15418-8).

Sub-titled: *Holdings at the Brigham Young University-Hawaii Campus, BYU-Utah Campus and the Church Historical Department.* This bibliography offers "a concentrated attempt to list all books, pamphlets, periodicals, personal diaries, journals, mission histories, ephemeral and selected periodical articles concerning Mormons and the Mormon experience" in Polyne-

sia, Micronesia and Melanesia (Introduction). An author listing of 2,873 entries that contain a brief annotation along with location information. Helpful is the name and geographic/subject indexes.

Fales, Susan L. and Lanell M. Reeder. "Mormonism: Bibliography of Bibliographies," *The Mormon History Association Newsletter*, Number 72 (April 1989) 5-8; Number 74 (October 1989) 4-7. (OCLC 8525162)

This is an excellent starting point for researchers or those who need to know the availability of sources. The bibliography is divided into the following subject areas: multiple subject bibliographies, history, historiography, library guides, missionary work, sociological studies, doctrinal/scriptural, Utah and literature and the arts.

For additional information on Utah history and the Mormons, see: Henry Putney Beers, *Bibliographies in American History, 1942-1978.* 2 vols. Woodbridge, CT: Research Publications, Inc., 1982. ISBN 0-892-35038-5.

"Mormon" Audio/Visual Materials: A Guide Produced by, for, or about, the LDS Church. Brigham Young University, Provo, UT. 1983.

A title listing and subject arrangement guide produced by the David O. McKay Institute at Brigham Young University.

"Mormon Bibliography." *Brigham Young University Studies.* (Annual, 1961-)

Ellen M. Copley, from special collections at Brigham Young University, compiles this bibliography that appears annually in *Brigham Young University Studies*. This bibliography is the best way to keep up-to-date on articles, theses, dissertations, annuals and monographs on Mormonism. It is also an excellent tool for the indexing of those periodicals that have no outside indexing (i.e., *This People, Sunstone, Pioneer, BYU Fireside and Devotional Speeches, Utah Holiday, Zarahemla Record and BYU Today*).

In addition, the bibliography has added in the last several years the works of LDS authors in the area of arts and literature. This would include short stories, poetry, novels, and personal, as well as critical essays, regardless of their theme.

For those who are interested in keeping more current with bibliographies on Mormonism, the *Mormon History Association Newsletter* (OCLC 8525162) is a eight page quarterly communiqué (published by the Mormon History Association) that lists recent articles and books published in the field of Mormon History. To receive the publication one must join the association for a fee of $15.00 a year. Their address is P.O. Box 7010, University Station, Provo, UT 84602.

A Mormon Bibliography, 1830-1930; Books, Pamphlets, Periodicals, and Broadsides Relating to First Century Mormonism. Edited by Chad J. Flake. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1978. 825pp. ISBN 0-874-80016-1.

An indispensable and monumental compilation of main entry listings of more than 10,000 items pertaining wholly or partly to the first century of Mormonism: "books, periodicals, Mormon newspapers or predominantly Mormon newspapers, pamphlets and broadsides." The entries indicate which libraries or archives house the material.

There is a ten year supplement to the above volume by Chad J. Flake and Larry W. Draper entitled *A Mormon Bibliography, 1830-1930: Ten Year Supplement*, Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1990, 413pp., ISBN 0-74-80338-1.

Also, an index to both the above works is Chad J. Flake and Larry W. Draper's *A Mormon Bibliography 1830-1930: Indexes to a Mormon Bibliography and Ten Year Supplement*, Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1992, 208pp., ISBN 0-874-80400-0.

The Mormon Church in Latin America: A Periodical Index (1830-1976). Compiled by Mark L. Grover, Provo, UT: Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, 1977. 262pp. OCLC 6747016, 13096498.

This is a listing (by periodical title) of published articles in various magazines and journals.

Mormon Manuscripts to 1846: A Guide to the Holdings of the Harold B. Lee Library. Compiled and edited by Hyrum L. Andrus and Richard E. Bennett. Department of Archives & Manuscripts, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, 1977. 231pp. LC 77-365810.

A guide to the Brigham Young University manuscript collection, it includes an index.

Mormons and Mormonism in U.S. Government Documents: A Bibliography. Compiled by Susan L. Fales and Chad J. Flake, Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1989. 357pp. ISBN 0-874-80312-8.

An excellent reference source for those interested in Mormon historical research. Included with each citation is a brief annotation, a cross reference to Flake's earlier work *A Mormon Bibliography*, a Superintendent of Documents number (if available); and, if applicable, the holding libraries. The chronologically arranged work includes Federal and Utah territorial documents for the years 1830 to 1930. The volume also contains author/subject, title and series indices.

Fales added a 12 leaf supplement to the above bibliography entitled: *Addendum to Mormons and Mormonism in U.S. Governments Documents: A Bibliography*, Provo, UT: 1989. 12pp. OCLC 22012662.

Shields, Steven L. *The Latter-day Saint Churches: An Annotated Bibliography.* NY: Garland Publishing, 1987. 281pp. ISBN 0-824-08582-5.

An annotated bibliography that puts into one volume basic bibliographical information on more than 100 separate denominations (over 50 active today) that originated from the movement started by Joseph Smith more than 160 years ago. Written for the non-LDS researcher, Shields gives a selective list of sources arranged by period and movement that he feels is "generally representative of the history and theology of each church." The work includes an author index.

Shields' work continues the effort begun by Dale L. Morgan's "A Bibliography of the Churches of the Dispersion," in *Western Humanities Review* 4 (Winter 1949-50) 1-28 [the Bickertonites]; 5 (Winter 1950-51) 29-102 [the Strangites]; and 7 (Summer 1953) 255-266 [miscellaneous].

Welch, John W., Gary Gillum and DeeAnn Hofer. *Comprehensive Bibliography of the Book of Mormon.* Provo, UT: F.A.R.M.S. (Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies) 1987. 94pp.

This study aid is complete through December 1986, and includes nearly 4,000 articles, books and papers that are listed by subject with full bibliographic information. The notebook includes nearly everything that has ever been written primarily about the Book of Mormon. Future plans (mid-1994 possibly) call for an updated volume (through 1991) that will annotate all the approximately 7,000 citations. For details or purchase information write or call: F.A.R.M.S., P.O. Box 7113, University Station, Provo, UT 84602, (801-378-3295 or 800-327-6715).

BIOGRAPHIES

Alexander, Thomas G. *Things in Heaven and Earth: The Life and Times of Wilford Woodruff, a Mormon Prophet.* Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1991. 484pp. ISBN 0-941-21472-9.

Writing for a Mormon audience, Alexander (BYU) presents the life and times of President Wilford Woodruff (1807-1898). Woodruff was the President of the Church who called for a formal cessation of plural marriage and oversaw Mormonism's abandonment of a separatist political course. The author uses Woodruff's own extensive journals–which date from the mid-1830's through the late 1890's–to give the reader an inside look at this Church leader, businessman, civic leader and husband of nine wives and father of 33 children. The work includes several photographs, chapter notes, a bibliography and an index.

Allen, James B. *Trials of Discipleship: The Story of William Clayton, a Mormon.* Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 1987. 383pp. ISBN 0-252-01369-7.

Allen (a retired BYU history professor and former assistant Church Historian) has contributed a volume that is important both historically and biographically to Mormon Studies. By illuminating the life of a "representative disciple," (a follower instead of a leader) Allen enlightens our understanding of the many aspects of early Mormon life at the "below the leadership" level. The text examines such subjects as the occult, economic life, polygyny, and millennialism, and aids in our understanding of the Mormon community under Brigham Young (1801-1877). The work includes 13 photographs, chapter notes and an index.

Arrington, Leonard J. *Brigham Young: American Moses.* NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1985. 522pp. ISBN 0-394-51022-4 (Also in pbk., University of Illinois Press, ISBN 0-252-01296-8).

Drawing on a vast array of previously untapped primary sources, Arrington has given *the* most scholarly and balanced study of this well-known Mormon pioneer and leader to date. Although scholarly, intelligent and well-written, the volume lacks many interpretations of Young's motivations for

much of his actions. The work includes appendices notes and references, a bibliographical essay and an index.

An older, but still valuable work that provides the most comprehensive view of Young's (1801-1877) colonizing activities is Milton R. Hunter's volume, *Brigham Young the Colonizer*, 4th rev. ed., Santa Barbara, CA: Peregrine Smith, 1973 [c1940], 399pp., ISBN 0-879-05017-9.

Arrington, Leonard J. and Davis Bitton. *Saints Without Halos: The Human Side of Mormon History.* Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1981. 158pp. ISBN 0-941-21401-X.

Not academic in nature or style–this book is concerned with the human side of history. Through the lives and experiences of 17 early day "saints," the authors let us experience the struggles of everyday existence. (The volume includes four biographical sketches of LDS women.)

Bringhurst, Newell G. *Brigham Young and the Expanding American Frontier.* (The Library of American Biography, Oscar Handlin, ed.) Boston: Little, Brown. 1986. 246pp. ISBN 0-673-39322-4 (also in pbk., ISBN 0-316-10821-9).

This small book offers a pleasant contrast to, along with an easier reading text than Arrington's larger volume, *Brigham Young: American Moses.* Bringhurst writes well, is very scholarly, balanced, and places Young (1801-1877) in his historical setting while concentrating on him as an individual, not a Church leader.

Jenson, Andrew. *Latter-day Saint Biographical Encyclopedia.* 4 vols. Salt Lake City: Deseret News, 1901, 1914, 1920, 1936. LC 26-1583 (reprinted in 1971 by Western Epics, 254 South Main, Salt Lake City, UT, OCLC 928985).

These four volumes chronologically encompass the period 1800 to 1930 and contain 15,000 biographical sketches in essay form. The work is considered a standard reference source, the composition is inspirational in tone and style.

Newell, Linda King and Valeen Tippetts Avery. *Mormon Enigma: Emma Hale Smith: Prophet's Wife, "Elect Lady," Polygamy's Foe, 1804-1879.* NY: Doubleday, 1984. 394pp. ISBN 0-385-17166-8.

The first published scholarly study of Joseph Smith's first wife, Emma. The volume is a well-researched and objective analysis of Emma that contains previously unpublished information. The publication is also an excellent tool for understanding nineteenth century women, Mormon history and polygyny (which was one primary contention that divided Mormonism into two major factions). While the authors treat Emma in a fair and objective manner, the presentation on her husband Joseph becomes discrepant and distorted. The text includes illustrations, 56 pages of notes, a selective 18 page bibliography and an index.

Peterson, Janet and LaRene Gaunt. *Elect Ladies.* Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1990. 229pp. ISBN 0-875-79289-8.

Short biographies (about 20 pages each) of the 11 women presidents of the church's auxiliary for women–the Relief Society. The Relief Society is the Church's oldest auxiliary organization and was started by Joseph Smith's

first wife, Emma, in 1842. The volume, which is popularly written, and not meant to be a comprehensive biographical publication, gives a generic history of the Relief Society and each of its leaders. Problematic with the volume (and as a caution to readers) are the texts' numerous historical errors, and its lack of competent scholarship. The publication includes photographs, notes, appendices and an index.

Peterson, Levi S. *Juanita Brooks: Mormon Woman Historian.* (Utah Centennial Series, vol. 5) Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1988. 505pp. ISBN 0-874-80298-9.

As a Mormon scholar once stated, Juanita Brooks was "a most uncommon woman draped in a very common exterior." Among other things she was a Mormon housewife with a 200 I.Q. whose life and work challenged and changed the Mormon mind-set and historiography. Peterson's honest and penetrating text contains a well-written and researched account of the life and works of this foundational and seminal Mormon Historian.

Furthermore, by relating Brook's life, Peterson has supplied a glimpse into twentieth-century Latter-day Saint history. The volume includes illustrations, photographs, chapter notes, a Brooks bibliography and an index.

Pratt, Parley P. *Autobiography of Parley Parker Pratt.* Edited by Parley P. Pratt [Jr.]. NY: Russell Brothers, 1874. 502pp. LC 56-30781 (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1985. 447pp. ISBN 0-887-47740-X, LC 85-10264 [also in pbk., 471pp. ISBN 0-877-47014-6]).

Subtitled: One of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Embracing his Life, Ministry and Travels, with Extracts, in Prose and Verse, from his Miscellaneous Writings.

This highly recommended volume was edited and published by Pratt's oldest son 17 years after his father's murder. It contains his history (1807-1857) and thoughts as a Mormon missionary, pioneer and Church leader. This volume is also considered an outstanding nineteenth-century Mormon literary achievement.

For further discussion of Mormon autobiographical writings see Neal Lambert's article "The Representation of Reality in Nineteenth Century Mormon Autobiography," in *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 11 (Summer 1978) 63-74.

Schindler, Harold. *Orrin Porter Rockwell: Man of God, Son of Thunder.* 2nd ed., Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1983 [c1966]. 417pp. ISBN 0-874-80204-0.

An adeptly written, researched and descriptive record of one of Western America's most controversial personalities. While Mormons lauded him as a natural born pioneer, a devout Latter-day Saint and bodyguard to Joseph Smith, the anti-Mormons demean him as the leader of the Danites, assassin of Governor Boggs and the killer of Mormon apostates. By using primary sources (both Mormon and anti-Mormon alike) the author pieced together the anecdotes of the man who is now part legend and myth. The volume includes footnotes, illustrations, a bibliography and an index.

Van Wagoner, Richard S. and Steven C. Walker. *A Book of Mormons.* Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1982. 454pp. ISBN 0-941-21406-0.

This volume contains 78 sketches of some of the more "notable" church members (e.g., Fawn Brodie and Butch Cassidy). The text is indexed and includes a bibliography on each entry, which is very handy for further readings. It is also well illustrated including more than 100 photographs or sketches. (The work contains fifteen vignettes of Mormon women.)

BLACKS

Bringhurst, Newell G. *Saints, Slaves, and Blacks: The Changing Place of Black People within Mormonism. (Contributions to the Study of Religion* Series, vol. 4) Westport, CT: Greenhouse Press, 1981. 254pp. ISBN 0-313-22752-7.

Bringhurst does an extensive and exceptional job in bringing together the fullest documented discussion of the origin and development of Mormonism's changing policy on blacks. He shows that the policy was not due primarily to Mormon scriptural doctrine, but rather from the institutionalization of the larger society's racism. Unfortunately, he does not examine or discuss the forces influencing the larger society, nor does he substantiate his charge of Smith's alleged racism. The volume is well-written (though its negative tone is quite obvious) and contains an excellent bibliographic essay, tables, appendices, chapter notes and an index.

For a different historical viewpoint on this subject see the article by Lester E. Bush, Jr., "Mormonism's Negro Doctrine: An Historical Overview," in *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 8 (Spring 1973) 11-68.

For a biased pro-Mormon view of this subject read Ronald K. Esplin's, "Brigham Young and Priesthood Denial to the Blacks: An Alternate View," in *Brigham Young University Studies* 19 (Spring 1979) 394-402.

Lund, John Lewis. *The Church and the Negro: A Discussion of Mormons, Negroes and the Priesthood.* Salt Lake City?: Paramount Publishers, 1967. 129pp. OCLC 13974303.

Certainly not in the academic class of writing as the other titles in this section, this small volume offers an orthodox theological answer to questions raised about the "Negro Doctrine." The author is thorough in his secondary source citing and provides a helpful annotated bibliography of quotes and scriptures.

Neither White nor Black: Mormon Scholars Confront the Race Issue in a Universal Church. Edited by Lester E. Bush Jr. and Armand L. Mauss. Midvale, UT: Signature Books, 1984. 249pp. ISBN 0-941-21422-2 (pbk.).

This volume comprises five of the best articles that deal with blacks and the priesthood that were previously published in *Dialogue*, along with an introductory and summary article by the editors. The text is somewhat broader in scope than *Saints, Slaves and Blacks* and includes two chapters that deal with the ending of the policy of priesthood denial to blacks on 8 June 1978. The volume, which is indexed, also includes a helpful appen-

dix that contains a chronological and alphabetical bibliography of published and unpublished works dealing with the "Negro Doctrine."

BOOK LISTS AND REVIEWS

Brigham Young University Studies, Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought, The John Whitmer Historical Association Journal, Journal of Mormon History, Sunstone, This People, and the *Utah Historical Quarterly* have book reviews in most issues and review nearly all the newly printed volumes on or about Mormonism.

For works prior to 1967 see *The Mormon Experience: A History of the Latter-day Saints*, by Arrington and Bitton, p. 344.

Allen, James B. "Since 1950: Creators and Creations of Mormon History," in *New Views of Mormon History: A Collection of Essays in Honor of Leonard J. Arrington*, pp. 407-438. Edited by Davis Bitton and Maureen Ursenbach Beecher, Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1987. 480pp. ISBN 0-874-80304-7.

In this bibliographical essay, Allen (retired BYU professor and a faithful Latter-day Saint historian) lists and briefly comments on significant monographs and articles written since 1950 that deal with Mormon history. Within the essay (pp. 423-425) he also includes a previously compiled list of the top ten articles and books on Utah and Mormon history.

Bench, Curt. "Fifty Important Mormon Books," *Sunstone* 14 (October 1990) 54-58. ISSN 0363-1370.

This piece was written by a (then) dealer of fine and rare Mormon books. The brief bibliographical article lists the chosen books or pamphlets (periodicals and scripture were not included) into five categories. Bench then proceeds to selectively describe the importance of some of the listed publications. The titles selected were published between 1830 and 1980, and have had a notable influence on either the Mormon culture or Church.

Crawley, Peter L. and Chad J. Flake. *A Mormon Fifty*. Provo, UT: Friends of the Brigham Young University Library, Number 23, 1984. 36pp. OCLC 10943525.

Subtitled: *An Exhibition in the Harold B. Lee Library in Conjunction with the Annual Conference of the Mormon History Association*. This small work gives a listing of the 50 most "significant" publications (including books, pamphlets and periodicals) from 1830 to 1857 that contributed to the ideological development of the Church. The detailed annotations are informative and historical in nature. This is the best work on the importance of LDS publishing and its effect on the Church.

Crawley, Peter L. and David J. Whittaker. *Mormon Imprints in Great Britain and the Empire, 1836-1857*. Provo, UT: Friends of the Brigham Young University Library, Number 30, 1987. 69pp. OCLC 117512806.

Subtitled: *An Exhibition in the Harold B. Lee Library in Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the British Isles*. This small publication lists all titles by year that were pub-

lished in the British Empire from 1836 to 1857. A total of 57 citations with detailed annotations give the reader a survey of the expansion of Mormonism beyond North America by describing Mormon publishing and missionary activity in relation to the cited publication. The annotations are informative and historical in content.

Parry, Jay A. and Larry E. Morris. *The Mormon Book of Lists.* Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1987. 220pp. ISBN 0-884-94622-3.

This volume contains various lists that were either collected, compiled, or originally written for this work. Most of the lists of books are found in chapter five. Lists by Arrington, Pearson, and Cracroft discuss such topics as: publications recommended for every LDS Library, important Mormon biographies and autobiographies and important books on Latter-day Saint history.

Shields, Dorothy M. "From a Mormon Perspective." *Voice of Youth Advocates* 7 (December 1984) 241-44. ISSN 0160-4201.

This article is a bibliographical essay of 23 selected Mormon novels that would be appropriate for general young adult (YA) readers and library collections.

CHURCH PROGRAMS

Derr, Jill Mulvay, Janath Russell Cannon and Maureen Ursenbach Beecher. *Women of Covenant: The Story of Relief Society.* Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1992. 544pp. ISBN 0-875-79593-5.

This Church-authorized volume chronicles 150 years of Relief Society history. The text also incorporates the first scholarly account of this women's auxiliary organization. The LDS Church's only auxiliary for women was started on 17 March 1842, just twelve years after the organization of the Church (the society is extant). It was initially called the Female Relief Society of Nauvoo. The Society began with the formal organization of a sewing group that wished to help with the construction of the Nauvoo Temple. The volume's appendix lists the Society's officers, general board members, and magazine editors. The publication includes chapter notes, a selective bibliography, illustrations, photographs and an index.

Josephson, Marba. *History of the YWMIA.* Salt Lake City, Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association, 1955. 408pp. OCLC 7222922.

The above title represents the most comprehensive volume of the three works about the advent and history of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association. The YWMIA began in 1869 as a Retrenchment Association started by Brigham Young and his wives and daughters as a defensive measure to keep young ladies from following in the ways of the world. It was renamed the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association in 1875 by Eliza R. Snow. The YWMIA is extant and since 1977 is known as the Young Women.

The following two volumes may also be of help: Susa Young Gates,

History of the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, from November 1869 to June 1910, Salt Lake City, General Board of Y.L.M.I.A., 1911, 488pp., LC 11-27791; and *A Century of Sisterhood, Chronological Collage, 1869-1969*, Salt Lake City, Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1969, 100pp., OCLC 11931415, 13926318.

Jubilee History of Latter-day Saints Sunday Schools, 1849-1899. Salt Lake City, Deseret Sunday School Union, 1900. 546pp. LC 22-23420.

No complete history of the LDS Sunday School exists. Indeed, it is a subject begging for historical treatment. The above dated volume (the only monograph on the subject) gives merely a brief historical overview of the organization in its first 50 pages. The reminder of the text is filled with stake and ward organizational information.

The LDS Sunday School program officially began 9 December 1849 when Richard Ballantyne gathered about 30 young children into his Salt Lake City home. Before then (as early as the mid-1830s) the organizational efforts were started in both America and England, but were irregular. It was in 1867, after Brigham Young established the "Parent Sunday School Union Society," that the organization became centrally unified. Before that time each Mormon settlement ran the Sunday Schools independently. In 1971, the name was changed to "The Sunday Schools of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," which is extant. The organization had two official publications: *The Juvenile Instructor* (1886-1930) and *The Instructor* (1931-1970).

As an addendum to the brief information given in the *Jubilee History*, the following articles may be of help: J. N. Washburn, "'Ye Have Need That One Teach You': A History of the Sunday Schools of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," (11 parts) *The Instructor* 84 (January-November 1949); and "The Sunday School Centennial Edition, 1849-1949," (the entire issue) *The Instructor* 84 (December 1949).

Madsen, Carol Cornwall and Susan Staker Oman. *Sisters and Little Saints: One Hundred Years of Primary.* Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Company, 1979. 230pp. ISBN 0-877-47760-4.

This book commemorates by way of epic historical narrative the first one hundred years of Primary. Primary is the church's program for tutoring its younger children (ages 3-12). A mother's concern for the behavior and religious instruction of neighboring children was the genesis of the Primary Mutual Improvement Association that officially began in Utah on 11 August 1878, by Aurelia S. Rogers. The volume is also somewhat useful as a historical study of *LDS women* since they created and still administer and manage (under the church hierarchy) this functioning program. The publication contains appendices, notes and an index.

Mangum, Garth and Bruce Blumell. *The Mormon War on Poverty: A History of LDS Welfare, 1830-1990. (Publications in Mormon Studies Series*, vol. 8,

ISSN 0893-4916) Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1993. 320pp. ISBN 0-874-80414-0.

Written by an international economist and a historian this well-seasoned volume represents the most comprehensive work on the Church's Welfare Program. The text includes chapters on the economic welfare of the Saints in Ohio and Missouri, resettlement and relief in Nauvoo, the economics of the Mormon Exodus, the late 19th century Mountain West, the Church's response to the Great Depression and the Church's Welfare Program from an international perspective. The discussion presents the material in comparison and in context of the national economic conditions of the period under discussion. The text includes tables, endnotes and an index. Subtracting from the volume's overall usefulness is the lack of a general bibliography.

Widtsoe, John A. *Priesthood and Church Government: A Handbook and Study Course for the Quorums of the Melchizedek Priesthood of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.* Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1939. 410pp. LC 40-11394.

This Church publication explains the role and functions of the Priesthood and its connection with Church government and administration. The material on Church government is very dated; see the new *Encyclopedia of Mormonism* for more current information.

Williams, John Kent. "A History of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, 1939 to 1974." Master's thesis, Brigham Young University, 1976. 182pp.

This thesis, along with the following thesis work consecutively in historical coverage of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association. They are also the only works of reference on this auxiliary organization that began on 10 June 1875, and is extant and known since 1977 as the Young Men. The official publication for the MIA programs was the *Contributor* (1879-1896). Leon Marshall Strong, "A History of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, 1875-1938." Master's thesis, Brigham Young University, 1939, 268pp., OCLC 12225762.

DOCTRINE

Alexander, Thomas G. "The Reconstruction of Mormon Doctrine: From Joseph Smith to Progressive Theology." *Sunstone* 5 (July-August 1980) 24-33; and 10 (May 1985) 8-18.

An excellent article that gives understanding to the origin, formation and historical development of many LDS doctrines. This essay explores those doctrines that deal with God and man from two periods in Mormon history, 1830 to 1835 and 1893 through 1925. An edited version of this article may be found in *Line Upon Line.*

Journal of Discourses. 26 vols + index. Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1974 [c1854-]. LC 75-331245. OCLC 13938586, 3876769.

This 27-volume set was first printed in Liverpool in 1853 and subtitled: *By*

Brigham Young, His Two Counsellors, the Twelve Apostles, and Others; as Reported by G. D. Watt. The set is a compilation of General Authority sermons that first began as a means to provide income for George D. Watt–a church stenographer and publisher. Watt would report the addresses given in Utah and write them for publication to the Church members in England. Watt reported through volume 12 of the set that continued to grow until 1886 when persecution of Church leaders forced its cessation. Questions about the accuracy of the Discourses have periodically been raised. These questions are appropriate when one considers that the printed addresses were not always proofread by the speakers. The entire set is periodically reprinted (about every 3 years–in both hard and paper cover) by Bookcraft (Salt Lake City) and may be considered the predecessor to the *Conference Reports* of today.

Bridging the gap between the *Journal of Discourses* (1852-1886) and the Church's *Conference Reports* (1898-current) is a seven volume set entitled the *Collected Discourses.* Subtitled: *Delivered by Wilford Woodruff, His Two Counselors, the Twelve Apostles, and Others.* The set is compiled and edited by Brian H. Stuy, Burbank, CA: B.H.S. Publishing, 1987-, vol. 1 (406pp.), vol. 2 (390pp.), vol. 3 (442pp.), vol. 4 (438pp.), and vol. 5 (468pp.) LC 87-61080. Each of the five volumes of text (plus two index volumes) brings together approximately 400 discourses from various Church leaders. Volume one encompasses the years 1886 to 1889, volume two 1890 through 1892, volume three 1892 to 1893, volume four 1894 to 1896, and volume five concludes with the years 1896 through 1898.

If you wish to read what the Mormon hierarchy was proclaiming to their membership before, during, and after the issuance of the manifesto (the official pronouncement of the discontinuation of polygyny, that was issued 24 September 1890) and the Salt Lake Temple dedication, then this is the proper set to consult.

The Lectures on Faith in Historical Perspective. (Religious Studies Center Monograph Series, vol. 15) Edited with a preface by Larry E. Dahl and Charles D. Tate, Jr. Provo, UT: Brigham Young University Press, 1990. 310pp. ISBN 0-884-94725-4.

The *Lectures on Faith* were first published (in toto) as part one of the *Doctrine and Covenants* in September 1835. In fact, these lectures (with catechism) were considered "the doctrinal" portion of that new publication–Joseph Smith referred to them as the "lectures on theology." The seven lectures were written by a committee of four presiding officers which included Joseph Smith. The lectures were first delivered at the School for the Elders, located in the Church printing office at Kirtland, Ohio, during November and December 1834. The Lectures on Faith have been omitted from the *Doctrine and Covenants* since its 1921 edition.

This publication gives the reader a historical introduction, a 1990 edited version and a discussion (by various authors) of each individual lecture. The volume includes comparative charts of various editions of the *Lectures,*

illustrations of original text, a selective bibliography on the *Lectures*, footnotes, chapter notes and a scripture and subject index.

Although cited within the above text, an article too significant not to be individually apprised of is "The 'Lectures on Faith': A Case Study in Decanonization," by Richard S. Van Wagoner, Steven C. Walker and Allen D. Roberts, in *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 20 (Fall 1987) 71-77.

Line upon Line: Essays on Mormon Doctrine. Edited by Gary James Bergera. Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1989. 187pp. ISBN 0-941-21469-9.

The volume comprises 13 previously published articles along with three original essays. The work considers such topics as the Mormon concept of God, salvation, the doctrine of man, the preexistence, and a heavenly mother. Each article (or chapter) is well-written and includes endnotes.

McConkie, Bruce R. *Mormon Doctrine.* 2nd ed., Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1966 [c1958]. 856pp. LC 67-2237.

This volume has slowly become an accepted LDS reference work and now is considered a standard source of doctrinal information and interpretation. The text consists of a compendium of explanations of LDS doctrine written in an encyclopedic style by a General Authority of the Church–who was also one of its leading scripturists. The book is unfortunately too apologetic and pro-Church in explaining the different tenets of the LDS tradition. First paperback edition 1979.

McMurrin, Sterling M. *The Theological Foundations of the Mormon Religion.* Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1974 [c1965]. 151pp. ISBN 0-874-80051-X.

This is a highly useful and regarded work in understanding and placing Mormon theology in the broader contexts of classical Christian doctrine. McMurrin (Ericksen Professor Emeritus of History at the University of Utah) has written a work of philosophy that many will find hard to understand, but one important enough to try.

Reflections on Mormonism: Judaeo-Christian Parallels. Edited by Truman G. Madsen. Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1978. 245pp. ISBN 0-884-94358-5.

This compilation includes doctrinally oriented papers delivered by non-Mormon theologians at the Religious Studies Symposium sponsored by Brigham Young University in March of 1978. These essays compare different aspects of the LDS religion to traditional Judaeo-Christian teachings. The volume includes a subject and scripture index, illustrations and a bibliography.

Richards, LeGrand. *A Marvelous Work and a Wonder.* Rev. & enl. ed., Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1976 [c1950]. 424pp. ISBN 0-877-47161-4 (also in pbk. 452pp. ISBN 0-877-47162-2).

This volume is a classic and standard in the genre of Mormon missionary literature. Within these pages Richards (1886-1983, an apostle) writes a non-technical missionary-style discussion on the various tenets of the LDS faith.

A volume that maybe considered an expanded and updated version of the above title is Victor L. Ludlow's *Principles and Practices of the Restored Gospel*, Salt Lake City, Deseret Book Co., 1992. 657pp. ISBN 0-87579-649-4. More in-depth than the aforementioned volume, this text also contains a non-technical and fundamental summary of the numerous dogmas and their practices in the LDS tradition.

Smith, Joseph Fielding. *Answers to Gospel Questions*. 5 vols. Compiled and edited by Joseph Fielding Smith Jr, Salt Lake City, Deseret Book Co., 1957-1966. LC 57-29432.

In 1953, Joseph Fielding Smith (1876-1972) instituted a regular monthly series published in *The Improvement Era* (an official Church magazine) called "Your Question." His articles involved answering readers' questions (from both Mormons and non-Mormons) regarding various religious interpretations of historic events, scripture and doctrine. The above five volumes are a compilation of these previously printed articles, as well as additional answers taken from his personal files. The set includes scriptural footnotes per question, an individual index per volume and a cumulative index in volumes four and five.

Smith, Joseph Fielding. *Doctrines of Salvation: Sermons and Writings of Joseph Fielding Smith*. 3 vols. Compiled by Bruce R. McConkie, Salt Lake City, Bookcraft, 1954-1956. LC 56-34495.

A compilation of sundry selected teachings of Church President Joseph Fielding Smith (grandnephew of Joseph Smith Jr.), as compiled by his General Authority son-in-law, Bruce R. McConkie. The collection consists of material from previously published sermons and articles (as found in the periodicals of the Church) and of personal letters written in reply to religious inquiries. Subjects extend from general religious questions answered from a Latter-day Saint perspective to profound tenets of Mormon doctrine. The set is topically divided by subject, includes scriptural footnotes per topic and an individual index per volume.

Smith, Joseph Fielding. *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*. Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1977 [c1938]. 437pp. ISBN 0-877-47626-8 (also pbk., ISBN 0-877-477787-7).

A compilation of selected teachings of Joseph Smith Jr., as gathered from "his sermons and writings" as they are found in the *History of the Church*, "and other publications of the Church and written or published in the days of the Prophet's ministry." (title page) Later printings have added an index.

Talmage, James E. *Jesus the Christ* (Classics in Mormon Literature Series Edition). Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1982 [c1915]. 747pp. ISBN 0-877-47903-8.

A classic and standard of LDS teachings–this volume is about the distinct and sanctifying role of Jesus Christ in Mormon thought and theology. Included with the text are footnotes, chapter notes, and an index.

Talmage, James E. *A Study of the Articles of Faith* (Classics in Mormon Literature Series Edition). Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1981 [1899]. 537pp. ISBN 0-877-47838-4.

Subtitled: *Being a Consideration of the Principal Doctrines of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.* A standard Mormon publication, this classic volume by Talmage presents a Biblical discussion of the basic doctrines of the LDS faith along with an exposition of their belief. The work is an expanded version of his lectures that were given from December 1893 to February 1894 to theology classes at the Church University in Salt Lake City–now the LDS Business College. Usually not noticed is the volume's influence on doctrinal exposition within the Church after its publication. Included with the text are footnotes, chapter references, appendices and an index.

GENEALOGY

Jaussi, Laureen Richardson and Gloria Duncan Chaston. *Register of LDS Church Records Classified by the Library of the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.* Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1968. 400pp. LC 68-25348.

A guide to the holdings of the Genealogical Society Library (now called the Family History Library) of the LDS Church that is in Salt Lake City. The volume contains call numbers (both old and new) for microfilmed LDS Church records. This is an informative (but dated) guide for those already experienced in genealogical research.

Also, be aware of the authors' two volume compilation, *Register of Genealogical Society Call Numbers*, 2 vols. 1982. LC 82-81744. Volume 2 is entitled "A Companion to Genealogical Records of Utah."

The Library: A Guide to the LDS Family History Library. Edited by Johni Cerny and Wendy Elliott. Salt Lake City: Ancestry Publishing, 1988. 763pp. ISBN 0-916-48921-3.

This work gives an introduction to the Family History Library. This library was originally organized as the Genealogical Society of Utah on 13 November 1894. The volume details the library's organization, arrangement, services offered and includes a discussion and description of the Family History Library's major U.S. and foreign holdings as grouped by geographic regions. The text concludes with an appendix of microfiche reference works and an index.

For those who want more current information on the Family History Library (FHL) they print a newsletter titled *News of the Family History Library* (ISSN 1052-8644). The publication began in 1989 and is printed every other month, for subscription information write: 35 North West Temple St., Salt Lake City, UT 84150.

Also, anyone is welcome to contact any of the "Family History Centers" located in most areas of the United States and around the world. The Centers are considered branches of the FHL and have access to its entire *circulating* microfilm or microfiche holdings via a microfiche and/or CD-

ROM copy of the FHL's catalog (called the FHLC). The FHLC is available at the Family History Centers and for purchase.

All Centers have a copy of the International Genealogical Index (IGI). The IGI is an international computerized name index (also available as a CD-ROM) to more than 147 million individual names that have been extracted from a printed church or civil record (i.e., birth, death, marriage, etc.).

For location information of the nearest Family History Center or for further details about the FHL or its catalog, call or write the Family History Department, 50 East North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84150, 1-800-453-3860, extension 2331.

HANDBOOKS, DIRECTORIES, AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Atlas of Utah. Ogden, UT: Weber State College, 1981. 300pp. LC 81-675069.

The best all-around atlas of the state of Utah.

Deseret News Church Almanac. Deseret News Annual Church Almanac, Salt Lake City: Deseret News, 1973-. ISSN 0093-786X. LC 74-643012.

This biennial edition is published by a Salt Lake City newspaper, the *Deseret News*. The 1993-1994 volume is 416 pages in length and was prepared and edited by the staff of the *Church News*, in conjunction with the LDS Historical Department. The almanac includes chapters on: (1) major Church events, (2) current biographies on past and present General Authorities and officers of the Church, (3) worldwide areas including Church missions, (4) historical facts and statistics, as well as a 49 page historical chronology of the Church. This excellent reference volume is indexed and may be purchased from: The Church News, P.O. Box 1257, Salt Lake City, UT 84110.

The Encyclopedia of Mormonism: The History, Scripture, Doctrine, and Procedures of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 5 vols. Editor in chief Daniel H. Ludlow. NY: Macmillan, 1992. ISBN 0-028-79605-5 (4 volume set), 0-029-04040-X (5 volume set).

The first 4 volumes of this important, significant and celebrated new reference work contain 1,128 signed articles by 738 Mormon and non-Mormon authors, along with more than 500 photographs and 50 original maps and charts. The articles are between 100 to 5,000 words in length and comprise Mormon history, scripture, doctrines, practices, and procedures. The set is intended for both Mormon and non-Mormon alike. The publication includes a bibliography for nearly every entry, 13 appendices that contain biographical data and chronological lists, a glossary and an index. This set is *the* most important reference work on Mormonism. The 5th volume contains the *Book of Mormon*, the *Doctrine and Covenants* and the *Pearl of Great Price* which are additional Mormon scriptures.

The most informative review on this first and official encyclopedia of

Mormonism is Eugene England's, "The Encyclopedia of Mormonism: Mostly Good News," *This People* 12 (Holiday 1991) 16-22.

Jenson, Andrew. *Encyclopedic History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*. Salt Lake City: Deseret News Publishing Co., 1941. 976pp. LC 41-8948.

This volume gives an alphabetical listing and encyclopedic treatment of geographic units within the Church and of institutions that are a part of Mormon, Utah and Western history. It contains detailed information drawn from the manuscript histories of wards, branches, stakes, missions and mission conferences that are on file in the Church Archives up to 1930. It is also an excellent bibliographical tool for the identification and description of early Church newspapers and periodicals. This is a standard reference source and one of the best one volume histories available on Mormonism.

Van Cott, John W. *Utah Place Names*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1990. 575pp. ISBN 0-874-80345-4.

This volume contains more than 4,600 toponyms that are listed alphabetically; the edition also includes maps, a bibliography and an index.

HETEROGENEOUS PUBLICATIONS

Davies, Douglas James. *Mormon Spirituality: Latter-day Saints in Wales and Zion (Nottingham Series in Theology*, vol. 1). Nottingham, England: University of Nottingham; distributed by Utah State University Press, 1987. 186pp. ISBN 0-951-22511-1.

The text covers three areas in Mormon Studies: (1) a generic history of the Latter-day Saints in Wales, (2) a comparison of Latter-day Saints in Utah to those in Wales, and (3) the author (who is a cleric with the Church of England) supplies an anthropologist's viewpoint of Mormonism while occasionally engaging in comparative theology. Overall, the text provides a refreshing air of thought and observance by an Anglican minister. Although not an in-depth volume, the text does discuss millennialism, prophesy, anti-Mormonism, temples, hymnody and sacraments while adding to and updating the works of O'Dea and Leone. The edition includes endnotes, a small bibliography and an index.

Gottlieb, Robert and Peter Wiley. *America's Saints: The Rise of Mormon Power*. NY: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1984. 278pp. ISBN 0-399-12924-3. (also in pbk., Harvest Press, ISBN 0-156-05658-5).

A frank and controversial examination of the modern Mormon Church as a secular institution. Gottlieb and Wiley, who are both non-Mormons and non-historians, confuse the actions and decisions of the "Church" as an administrative organization with the actions or opinions of members who "belong" to the Church. Overall, an attentive analysis that deserves consideration; the text includes general sources and an index.

Leone, Mark P. *Roots of Modern Mormonism*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1979. 259pp. ISBN 0-674-77970-3.

A nationally recognized non-Mormon anthropologist gives a sociological study of Mormonism as both a religious tradition and a movement. Although this title adds (somewhat) to the work started by O'Dea, it does not establish itself as a diligent examination due to the author's own intellectual blinders when he sees survival as the sum of Mormon history–specifically, his out-of-date Mormon historical arguments.

A larger-based sociological study that takes exception to some of the conclusions of Leone is the volume of statistical analysis by Gordon Shepard and Gary Shepard, *A Kingdom Transformed: Themes in the Development of Mormonism*, Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1984, 307pp., ISBN 0-874-80233-4. The volume shows the "official religion" via a content analysis of semi-annual General Conference addresses (two by the president and two picked at random, annually) over the Church's 150 year history. The study shows the "transformation of the Church from a small sectarian mid-nineteenth-century retreatist organization, to a significant, more secularized late-twentieth-century religion that will never become a mainstream denomination because of its claims to truth, authority and its distinctive theology."

Lindsey, Robert. *A Gathering of Saints: A True Story of Money, Murder and Deceit.* NY: Simon and Schuster, 1988. 397pp. ISBN 0-671-65112-9.

Written by a former *New York Times* correspondent, this book conveys the 1985 Salt Lake City pipe-bomb murders and the Mark Hofmann document forgeries scandal like a paperback mystery novel. Lindsey is an excellent writer and follows the newspaper accounts faithfully. He also includes Hofmann's interview with Michael George of the Salt Lake County Attorney's Office, but Lindsey lacks meaningful perception, especially in dealing with the LDS Church. Lindsey (a non-Mormon) should be congratulated for effectively understanding and portraying the Utah Mormon mind-set; but his chapter dealing with Church history is noticeably misleading. *Salamander* is the first choice in books dealing with Hofmann.

An excellent review article that provides a short summary of the Hofmann Case is "The Hofmann Maze: A Book Review Essay with a Chronology and Bibliography of the Hofmann Case," by David J. Whittaker, published in *Brigham Young University Studies*, 29 (Winter 1989) 67-125.

O'Dea, Thomas F. *The Mormons.* The University of Chicago Press, 1964 [c1957]. 289pp. ISBN 0-226-61744-0.

A classic study and insightful interpretation of Mormons by a Catholic sociologist. The research was part of a comparative study of values by the Social Relations Laboratory at Harvard University. Heavily noted with an index, this seminal volume is still used today.

Another good work in this area would be: Glenn M. Vernon's *Sociology of Mormonism: A Preliminary Analysis.* Salt Lake City, 1975. 279pp. OCLC 3718127 (1975), 13973560 (1976).

Peculiar People: Mormons and Same-Sex Orientation. Edited by Ron Schow,

Wayne Schow and Marybeth Raynes. Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1991. 373pp. ISBN 1-560-85012-4.

This is the first monograph publication on homosexuality and the Church. The 36 essays (that include several that were previously published) and excerpts view homosexuality from a personal, companion, family and professional perspective. Officially, the Church condemns homosexuality as a sin and members may be excommunicated for it. The volume presents the subject intelligently with understanding and from a wide and varied perspective. Along with the essays are the foreword by Lowell L. Bennion, an introduction and historic overview of homosexuality and the Church by the editors, a section of statements by professional and religious organizations on homosexuality, a listing of resources, an annotated bibliography, appendices and an index.

Sillitoe, Linda and Allen Roberts. *Salamander, The Story of the Mormon Forgery Murders*. With a forensic analysis by George J. Throckmorton. Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1988. 556pp. ISBN 0-941-21465-6 (also in pbk., ISBN 0-941-21487-7).

This is the best overall publication that covers the entire subject of Mark Hofmann, his life and character, as well as the story of the October 1985 pipe-bomb murders and forgeries that stunned Salt Lake City. The text is presented in a narrative recreation of the events. The record is an exceptionally fastidious accomplishment with 529 pages of text plus an additional 21 pages devoted to a forensic analysis of the documents in question. Intelligible to readers outside the LDS Church, it also includes an index.

Of interest may be Richard E. Turley, Jr., *Victims: The LDS Church and the Mark Hofmann Case*, Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 1992. 519pp., ISBN 0-252-01885-0. Turley, the managing director of the LDS Historical Department, had unique access to church records, correspondence and the General Authorities involved in the document dealings with Hofmann–including interviews and their personal diaries. This work represents the Church's viewpoint (they were the major corporate victim) of the Hofmann affair.

The Wilderness of Faith: Essays on Contemporary Mormon Thought. Edited by John Sillito. Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1991. 177pp. ISBN 1-560-85009-4.

Within these pages lie some of the best, original and perceptive thoughts of current Mormon thinkers. The anthology presents 15 essays of which two are published for the first time. Mostly written during the 1980's, the overall concern of this collection of articles is "the demands of faith in a period of great change" (Introduction).

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Alexander, Thomas G. *Mormonism in Transition: A History of the Latter-day Saints, 1890-1930*. Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press, 1986. 381pp. ISBN 0-252-01185-6.

Alexander (BYU) takes the reader on a selective narrative history tour

starting with the end of polygamy (1890) and ending with the Church's centennial anniversary (1930). A must for any LDS history collection, this book provides the reader with a solid interpretation of a difficult period in Mormon history including a good grasp of political issues of that time. This independently published volume was originally contracted as part of the now cancelled sixteen volume sesquicentennial history of the LDS Church. The work includes notes, an index and appendix.

Allen, James B. and Glen M. Leonard. *The Story of the Latter-day Saints.* 2nd rev. & enl. ed., Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1992 [c1976]. 802pp. ISBN 0-875-79565-X.

Overall, this is the number one choice for a comprehensive one volume history of the Church. The text is principally in narrative form and gives a compact, introductory overview of the Church's history from its beginnings to 1990. The general bibliography (pp. 673-702) along with the chapter bibliographies (pp. 703-762) contains excellent resource material and further readings for all researchers, students and interested readers of Mormonism. Included with the text are 10 maps, 162 illustrations and an index.

Among the Mormons: Historic Accounts by Contemporary Observers. Edited by William Mulder and A. Russell Mortensen. NY: Knopf, 1969 [c1958]. 494pp. LC 58-5825. OCLC 3725648 (also printed by Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1973, ISBN 0-803-25778-3).

Among the Mormons is an anthology of 99 chronologically arranged documents and a poem that give a representative view by contemporary members and outside observers of the genesis and history of Mormonism. Included are accounts by such well known writers as Josiah Quincy, Sir Richard Burton, Jules Remy, Charles Dickens, Samuel Clemens, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Bernard DeVoto, Richard Neuberger and Wallace Stegner. A lecture by the above volume's editor, William Mulder, titled *The Mormons in American History*, Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1957, 36pp., ISBN 0-87480-184-2, gives a historic overview of Mormonism as (1) a microcosm that shows many of the social forces that shaped nineteenth-century America, (2) an institution that reworked the diverse elements of American culture, (3) an experiment in sociological change–by their use of the United Order and the practice of polygyny, and (4) theologically, by returning to the Puritan traditions which made church covenants as important as civil oaths.

Arrington, Leonard J. *Great Basin Kingdom: An Economic History of the Latter-day Saints, 1830-1900.* Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1958. 534pp. LC 58-12961 (also in pbk., the University of Nebraska Press, 1966. ISBN 0-803-25006-1).

The definitive study and standard monograph on 19th century economic progress. This text shows the role of the LDS Church in developing the economy of the Mountain West area. The work includes such topics as the United Order–with its communal held properties, the success of ZCMI and Brigham Young's negotiations with the Union Pacific Railroad.

A supplemental volume entitled *A Dependent Commonwealth: Utah's Economy from Statehood to the Great Depression*, by Leonard J. Arrington and Thomas G. Alexander, Provo, UT: Charles Redd Center, 1974, 112pp., ISBN 0-842-51013-3, brings Arrington's *Great Basin Kingdom* into the 20th century. The volume includes the commercialization and stabilization of Utah's economy.

Arrington, Leonard J. and Davis Bitton. *The Mormon Experience: A History of the Latter-day Saints.* NY: Vintage Books, 1979. 404pp. ISBN 0-394-46566-0 (also in pbk., ISBN 0-394-74102-1; and a 2nd ed., Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1992. 414pp. ISBN 0-252-06236-1).

This volume presents Mormon history in a well-written narrative synthesis from a scholarly point of view. Written for non-Mormons and academic classrooms the title has done well at the collegiate level. This would be my second choice for a single volume history of the Church after *The Story of the Latter-day Saints.* The volume includes an appendix, a bibliographical essay, endnotes and an index. (Make note of the 1992 paperback edition.)

Backman, Milton V. *The Heavens Resound: A History of the Latter-day Saints in Ohio, 1830-1838.* Salt Lake City, Deseret Book Co., 1983. 479pp. ISBN 0-877-47973-9.

Although this is the best single source available on the Ohio experience of the Church, the book's faithful and orthodox account along with its unexplained Mormon vocabulary diminishes both the scholarship and value of the overall work. The research and use of primary documentation is thorough. The volume includes chapter notes, tables, maps, illustrations, appendices, a bibliography and an index.

Brooks, Juanita. *The Mountain Meadows Massacre.* 2nd ed., Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1987 [c1970]. 316pp. ISBN 0-806-10549-6 (also the 1970 edition is in pbk., 1991. 318pp. ISBN 0-806-12318-4).

This was the first widely published scholarly work that treated Mormon history nonpolemically and unapologetically. The tragedy of the murder of roughly 110 to 140 emigrants traveling through southwest Utah on their way to California occurred in 1857 at the infamous site now called Mountain Meadows. The massacre grew out of a complex chain of events and circumstances involving Indians being directed by Mormons. Brooks tries to solve the mystery and dig through the secrecy that surrounded the event. The volume includes illustrations, maps, appendices, a bibliography and an index–the 1991 printing includes a new foreword and afterword by Jan Shipps and a corrected site map.

Bushman, Richard L. *Joseph Smith and the Beginnings of Mormonism.* Chicago: University of Ill. Press, 1984. 262pp. ISBN 0-252-01143-0 (also in pbk., ISBN 0-252-06012-1).

A well-written and researched account of Joseph Smith and the Smith family from the 1750s to 1831. The text deals with the cultural, social and environmental background of Joseph Smith and his family. This independent publication was to be volume one from the now cancelled 16 volume

sesquicentennial history of the LDS Church that Leonard Arrington was responsible for developing and the LDS Church hierarchy is culpable for terminating. The text is well-noted with profound interpretive insights and also includes an index.

Deseret, 1776-1976: A Bicentennial Illustrated History of Utah. Salt Lake City: Deseret News Publishing Co., 1975. 206pp. LC 75-17346.

The *Deseret News* staff produced this illustrated bicentennial history of Utah as a commemoration of the State's accomplishments. The volume is very pictorial, but not substantive in text. For a popularly written highly illustrated book that is especially competent for public library collections on Utah history, this is the one.

A more scholastic, substantial and less "Churchy" work is *Utah's History*, by Richard D. Poll [et al.], Logan, Utah: Utah State University Press, 1989 [c1978], 757pp., ISBN 0-874-21142-5. The text is topical in nature and each chapter is written by a different author which makes for somewhat choppy reading and uneven coverage, but overall, its the best all-around history.

Firmage, Edwin Brown and Richard Collin Mangrum. *Zion in the Courts: A Legal History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1830-1900.* Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 1988. 430pp. ISBN 0-252-01498-7.

This one volume work represents a first rate discussion that fills a needed gap in published LDS legal history. The tome is not popularly written and assumes some knowledge of the area. The text includes sections on the legal entanglements of Joseph Smith and the early Church, the Church and its members during its territorial (polygamy) years and an excellent examination of the ecclesiastical (internal) court system that developed in the Great Basin. The discussion presents the material in comparison with and in context of the American legal system of today and yesteryear, as well as in conjunction with the concept of Zion in Mormon theology and practice. Problematic with the text is the wavering objectivity of the authors who are obviously *against* the federal antipolygamy activities (i.e., the Reynolds case), while *excusing* legally questionable Mormon activities (i.e., the destruction of the anti-Joseph, Nauvoo newspaper the *Expositor*). In addition, a legal bibliography, as well as citing cases in standard legal form would make the volume more useful. The edition includes chapter notes, a general bibliography and an index.

Flanders, Robert Bruce. *Nauvoo: Kingdom on the Mississippi.* Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1965. 364pp. LC 65-19110, (also in pbk., ISBN 0-252-06012-1).

Flanders, who writes from an RLDS (the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints) background, has written the best single volume on this important period of Church History. The Nauvoo era (1839-1846) represents a significant period of time where profound doctrinal contributions (revelations) were disseminated by Joseph Smith to the Church. Nauvoo also became the center gathering place for all Saints from New York to Ohio (including those fleeing Missouri), as well as the first residence to

converts from England. The Nauvoo era also marks both the death of Joseph Smith (1844) and the splintering of the movement he began just 14 years earlier. Although the volume is generally competent, its wavering objectivity (between RLDS theology versus Mormon theology and humanistic historiography) as well as inadequate background on the Missouri persecutions subtract from its usefulness. The volume includes illustrations, a bibliography and an index.

Flanders has written a follow-up essay to the above volume with "Dream and Nightmare: Nauvoo Revisited," in *The Restoration Movement: Essays in Mormon History*, rev. ed., edited by F. Mark McKiernan, Alma R. Blair and Paul M. Edwards, Independence, MO: Herald Publishing House, 1992 [c1973], 350pp., ISBN 0-830-90266-X (also published in *The New Mormon History*, edited by Quinn).

An excellent article which adds insight to the Nauvoo experience from the immigrants perspective is Glen M. Leonard's "Letters Home: The Immigrant View from Nauvoo," in *BYU Studies* 31 (Winter 1991) 89-100.

Hampshire, Annette P. *Mormonism in Conflict, the Nauvoo Years (Studies in Religion and Society* Series, vol. 11). NY: Edwin Mellen Press, 1985. 343pp. ISBN 0-889-46874-5.

The volume (which is a reduced copy of a typescript) is a revision of the author's dissertation "Mormonism in Illinois, 1839-1847: A Study of the Development of Socio-Religious Conflict," (University of Durham, 1979). Hampshire investigates the political conflict, legal process and mob actions in Hancock County that pitted Mormon against non-Mormon by way of a sociological perspective of the new comers to Illinois (the Mormons) and the residents who first welcomed them–then later, killed their leader and caused them to leave the United States. The volume contains chapter notes, a lengthy bibliography and a small index.

For those interested in an illustrated guide and visual history of old Nauvoo, the volume by Richard N. Holzapfel and T. Jeffery Cottle, *Old Mormon Nauvoo and Southeastern Iowa*, Santa Ana, CA: Fieldbrook Productions, 1991, 259pp., ISBN 1-879-78601-X, does an excellent job. The work contains over 125 historic photographs (many published for the first time), maps, drawings (or sketches are used for those sites that no longer exist), appendices, chapter notes, a competent bibliography and an index.

Hansen, Klaus J. *Quest for Empire: The Political Kingdom of God and the Council of Fifty in Mormon History.* East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press, 1967. 237pp. LC 66-26957 (also in pbk., University of Nebraska Press, 1974, ISBN 0-803-25769-4).

A well-documented volume that discusses a little known facet of Mormon History–the Council of Fifty. This council (also known and often cited as the General Council) was called a "municipal department of the Kingdom." It was started by Joseph Smith (in March 1844) to help relieve the Church leadership (Smith, his counselors, and the 12 Apostles) of the responsibilities of administering the temporal and secular affairs of the

Church. These affairs also consisted of politically preparing for the coming of the Millennium that would usher in a new government which they called the "Kingdom of God" (after the verse in Daniel 2:44). The Council of Fifty would be the governing body of that new administrative world government–there were also a few non-Mormon members on this council.

The importance of this book is twofold: (1) it reaffirms the significance of Millennialism to Latter-day Saint doctrine, and (2) it also introduces this secular ruling body that had heretofore been mostly ignored in Mormon history. This highly interpretive study is not definitive; in fact the author was denied access to the notes and minutes of the Council. The text includes endnotes, an essay on sources, an appendix listing of members of the Council and an index.

The author wrote a recapitulation of the above volume in his article "Joseph Smith and the Political Kingdom of God," published in *The American West* 5 (September 1968) 20-24, 63.

As an addendum to the above volume see D. Michael Quinn's "The Council of Fifty and its Members, 1844-1945," *BYU Studies* 20 (Winter 1980) 163-197.

Hill, Marvin S. *Quest for Refuge: the Mormon Flight from American Pluralism.* Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1989. 288pp. ISBN 0-941-21470-2.

Evolving from his early works, "The Role of Christian Primitivism in the Origin and Development of the Mormon Kingdom, 1830-1844," Ph.D. dissertation, University of Chicago, 1968, (OCLC 9411136) and his co-edited volume, *Mormonism and American Culture*, NY: Harper & Row, 1972, (ISBN 0-060-42819-8) Hill gives the reader a superb synthesis of primary research along with his careful and sagacious analysis of this era of time. Hill (the brother of Donna, the author of *Joseph Smith "The First Mormon"*) has written a religious historical work that thoroughly examines all pertinent issues about the early Mormon movement including the role of the Council of Fifty and the Mormon alienation from American Society. The publication is highly recommended for any religious historical student or scholar. The volume contains 182 pages of text with 85 pages of chapter notes and an index.

History of the Church. 2nd rev. ed., 7 vols. Edited by B. H. Roberts. Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1976 [c1932, c1951] (separate index vol.). ISBN 0-877-47074-X (each volume numbered separately).

The *History of the Church*, also cited as the *Documentary History of the Church*, records Joseph Smith's revelations and directions to the LDS Church membership, as well as many early letters, minutes and extracted diary accounts. Two items need to be understood by the users of this set: First, Joseph Smith did not write this history. In fact, he wrote only a few pages of his own diaries, letterbooks and manuscripts from which this "first person narrative" is taken. He also individually corrected just the first 42 pages of the narrative that at the time of his death (in 1844) was only completed to August 1838. This also means that these volumes contain a

"posthumous" first person account. Secondly, the entire set was edited by B.H. Roberts (1857-1933, assistant Church Historian) who was commissioned by Church President Lorenzo Snow and was under the immediate supervision of Apostle Anthon H. Lund beginning in 1902. Therefore, this "first person" narrative has been revised (including additions and deletions) without comment–a nightmarish state for any so-called first person history. If one is aware of and understands the methodology involved in the compilation of this set, it then becomes a valuable and irreplaceable tool for understanding the history and rise of both Joseph Smith and Mormonism.

For a scholarly and comprehensive review of the above work, see Howard C. Searle's, "Authorship of the History of Joseph Smith: A Review Essay." *Brigham Young University Studies* 21 (Winter 1981) 101-122.

Jenson, Andrew. *Church Chronology: A Record of Important Events.* 2nd ed., Salt Lake City: Deseret News, 1914 [c1899]. 259pp., 32pp., 204pp. ISBN 0-849-03139-7.

This record lists important events from 1805 to 1913 that pertain to the history of the Church. Useful for research, the set contains two supplements and an index.

Journal History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Compiled by the Church Historian's Office, Salt Lake City: Historical Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. OCLC 6172828.

A day-to-day scrapbook of newspaper articles, diary entries, letters, minutes of church meetings and other ephemeral material that is kept up-to-date by the Historian's Office of the Church. This project was started sometime around 1910 by the assistant Church Historian, Andrew Jenson. The time frame encompasses the entire history of the Mormon movement. There is a sizeable index to the *Journal* kept at the Historian's Office where the actual *Journal* is also located. Microfilm copies of the *Journal* are available for purchase. Holding institutions include the University of Utah, Utah State Historical Society, Brigham Young University and Utah State University. This journal is usually considered the starting point for most historical studies dealing with Mormonism.

Larson, Gustive O. *Outline History of Utah and the Mormons.* Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1965 [c1958]. 316pp. OCLC 4864648, 7438496.

Previously used as a textbook because of its excellent selective summary of historical data, the volume contains an overall history of the Great Basin area from the 1750s to the 1950s. It includes an index.

LeSueur, Stephen C. *The 1838 Mormon War in Missouri.* Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Press, 1987. 286pp. ISBN 0-826-20626-3 (also in pbk., ISBN 0-826-20729-4).

A revisionist history that generally surpasses any other written history on this period. With such polemic scenes as the Haun's Mill Massacre on the one hand, the Danites on the other, along with Governor Boggs' 1838 "extermination order," LeSueur's title to this era is most appropriate. Two generic cautions to this work are (1) his overstatements that the Danites

represent main stream Mormonism, and (2) the fact that some of his quoted sources are not primary nor reliable. The text includes photographs, a chronology of events, an excellent research oriented bibliographical essay and an index.

Researchers who wish for a more prodigious and balanced study of the Missouri Era see: Leland H. Gentry's, "A History of the Latter-day Saints in Northern Missouri from 1836 to 1839." 2 vols., Ph.D. diss., Brigham Young University, 1965.

Lyman, Edward Leo. *Political Deliverance: The Mormon Quest for Utah Statehood.* Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1986. 327pp. ISBN 0-252-01239-9.

This publication embodies a stunning revisionist account of the Mormon struggle for Utah statehood. This now more matured volume (which first germinated as the author's dissertation) is highly recommended to both political and historical students because of its extensive use of heretofore unavailable primary documents as well as its factual historical interpretations. Lyman's new interpretation of plural marriage (polygyny) as the major cause of nonacceptance for statehood sets this text apart from the previous volumes of this subject area. The publication includes chapter notes, a bibliography, a bibliographical essay and an index.

An older volume which provides some valuable insights into the motives of Americans who were trying to change the nature of Mormonism in the 19th century, is Gustive O. Larson's volume, *The "Americanization" of Utah for Statehood*, San Marino, CA: Huntington Library, 1971, 328pp., LC 78-133487.

The New Mormon History: Revisionist Essays on the Past. Edited by D. Michael Quinn. Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1992. 310pp. ISBN 1-560-85011-6.

This volume gathers together 15 exceptionally perceptive and previously published essays on various aspects of the history of Mormonism. The editor did the impossible task of choosing essays that give a "representative" view of the New Mormon History. Some of the included authors are: Alexander, Allen, Arrington, Campbell, Flanders, Hansen, May and Walker. This volume is a must for all Mormon and religious collections.

Quinn, D. Michael. *Early Mormonism and the Magic World View.* Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1987. 313pp. ISBN 0-941-21446-X.

The author presents the idea and gives evidence to the reality that practicing American Christians of the 19th century embraced and relied on folk magic (i.e., seer stones, divining rods, astrology, etc.) as a common everyday occurrence in their lives. This tome (it gets weighty in places) is not only significant for the work it does in expanding our current understanding of Joseph Smith and early Mormon origins, but also for the broader view of American religious history in general. The treatment of the subject is scholarly, and although written for the layman its reading is at the university level. The volume is well-written, illustrated, includes an extensive (67 page) historical bibliography and an index.

The Restoration Movement: Essays in Mormon History. Rev. ed. Edited by F.

Mark McKiernan, Alma R. Blair and Paul M. Edwards. Independence, MO: Herald Publishing House, 1992 [c1973]. 350pp. ISBN 0-830-90266-X.

An excellent publication that combines both LDS and RLDS scholars and scholarship in 13 original essays. The scope and quality of the volume's historical research, as well as the number of insights offered into Mormon history provide the reader with a wealth of information. Some of the included authors are: Klaus Hansen, Larry Porter, Robert Flanders, James Allen, Paul Edwards, T. Edgar Lyon and Davis Bitton.

Roberts, B.H. *A Comprehensive History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.* 7 vols. Salt Lake City: Deseret News Press, 1930. LC 30-24609.

This set gives an apologetic history of the LDS Church from 1830 to 1930. First published in *Americana* (a monthly periodical published by the American Historical Society of N.Y.) from 1909 to 1915, the text was revised and updated in 1930 and printed as a multi-volume set. Newer editions add a 7th volume–a comprehensive index, this multi-volume set is a standard in LDS historical reference.

Shields, Steven L. *Divergent Paths of the Restoration: A History of the Latter-day Saints Movement.* 3rd ed. Bountiful, UT: Restoration Research, 1982. 282pp. ISBN 0-942-28400-3.

The most comprehensive reference work on all churches whose roots began from Joseph Smith's teachings. Very detailed with a bibliography and an index, it also includes valuable insights into their histories and theologies. Unfortunately, due to its poorly arranged structure and format, it is very hard to follow in scope.

Shipps, Jan. *Mormonism: The Story of A New Religious Tradition.* Urbana, IL: University of Ill. Press, 1985. 211pp. ISBN 0-252-01159-7 (also pbk., ISBN 0-252-01417-0).

More of a religious study than a history, this small book deals with analysis, understanding and interpreting selective important "Mormon" historic events. Written by a Methodist historian, Shipps argues that Mormonism is a separate religious tradition–not a peculiar Protestant denomination. Required reading for anyone interested in understanding Mormon history.

For LDS reviews see: Thomas G. Alexander, "Substantial, Important, and Brilliant." *Dialogue* 18 (Winter 1985) 185-186; and Klaus J. Hansen, "Jan Shipps and the Mormon Tradition," *Journal of Mormon History* 11 (1984) 135-145.

Tobler, Douglas F. and Nelson B. Wadsworth. *The History of the Mormons in Photographs and Text: 1830 to the Present.* NY: St. Martin's Press, 1989. 294pp. ISBN 0-312-03359-1.

Originally published in Germany in 1987 under the title *Der Weg zum Licht*, this 1989 translation is a marvelous and unique collection and reproduction of old photographs and drawings depicting the people, places and events of Mormonism. Unfortunately, the contemporary era was slighted in the photograph portion of the volume and the text is rather rudimentary. Barring the aforementioned, the visual record makes this album a valuable item

for most libraries, particularly those with photograph and/or special collections.

It should be noted that the volume by Nelson B. Wadsworth, *Through Camera Eyes*, Provo, UT: Brigham Young University Press, 1975, 180pp., ISBN 0-842-50435-4, 0-842-50439-7 (pbk.), was the first major attempt to publish the photographic history of the Church–and may be preferred over the above volume (though it does contain fewer photographs).

Winn, Kenneth H. *Exiles in a Land of Liberty: Mormons in America, 1830-1846* (Studies in Religion Series). Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1989. 284pp. ISBN 0-807-81829-1.

The text offers a different perspective, approach and interpretation on this period of Mormon and American history than other previously written work. Specifically, Winn reinterprets the nativity years of Mormonism through its relationship to the American culture by employing a republican ideological framework. Although his style of writing is easy to read and understand, his book is not as complete nor as thorough as Hill's *Quest for Refuge*; also, his text is tainted by his overt skepticism toward Joseph Smith. The volume includes endnotes, a checklist of sources and a small index.

INDICES

Arts and Humanities Citation Index

Indexes one Mormon periodical, *Brigham Young University Studies.*

Index of Times and Seasons, volumes 1-6, 1839-1846. Edited by Newbern I. Butt. Independence, MO: Independence Press, 1986 [c1955]. 64pp. OCLC 17279621.

The *Times and Seasons* was one of the official organs of the early LDS Church during its Nauvoo period. The publication ran from November 1839 to February 1846. This 19th century newspaper contains events of early Church history, biographical sketches of members and revelations received by Joseph Smith–who at various times edited this publication. The index provides subject and name entry access.

If one cannot obtain the above index, the Church Historical Department has put together a satisfactory one in microfiche that is available for purchase. Write them at 50 East North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84150.

Index to Conference Reports of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1880, 1897-1973. Compiled and published by John D. Hawkes. Salt Lake City: Hawkes Publishing Inc., 1975. 368pp. LC 78-100057.

The LDS Church holds two annual conferences every year in Salt Lake City, during the first part of April and October. This is the time when the church leadership counsels and addresses the entire church membership. The *Conference Reports* contain the addresses and minutes of those various meetings.

The most current conference addresses may be found in the May and November issue of the *Ensign* magazine.

Index to Mormonism in Periodical Literature. Salt Lake City: Historical Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1980. ISSN 0148-6586. OCLC 3498832.

The largest single comprehensive collection of articles on or about Mormonism from a wide variety of assorted periodicals. It also includes articles about the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (RLDS), as well as other splinter groups. This is an annual index, but only available to the public for the years 1976-1981–unfortunately, thereafter available only as an in-house product of the Church's Historical Department.

The Historical Department has compiled several indexes on microfiche that are available for sale. They include the *Times and Seasons* (1839-1846, vols. 1-6); *Young Woman's Journal* (1889-1929, vols. 1-40); *Brigham Young University Studies* (1959-1980, vols. 1-20), *Church News* (1931-1960); and the *Juvenile Instructor* (1866-1902, vols. 1-37–and still continuing). For order information write: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Historical Department, 50 East North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84150.

Index to Periodicals of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Salt Lake City: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1961-. OCLC 3624604.

An annual author/subject index to five official LDS periodicals. From 1 January 1961 to date.

From 1961 to 1970, the following six periodicals were indexed: *The Children's Friend, Church News, Conference Reports, Improvement Era, The Instructor and the Relief Society Magazine.*

From 1971 to current, the following five periodicals are indexed: *Friend, Church News, Conference Reports, New Era and the Ensign.*

Index to the Millennial Star. Compiled by Beth Oyler, Salt Lake City: Salt Lake City Public Library, 1960.

This typescript index covers volumes 1-80 (1840-1918) of this early British Church newspaper. *The Latter-day Saints' Millennial Star* ran continuously from 1840 to 1970, making it the longest running LDS periodical. This newspaper is especially valuable for research and recommended for special collections.

Mormons and Their Neighbors, An Index to over 75,000 Biographical Sketches from 1820 to the Present. 2 vols. Compiled by Marvin E. Wiggins, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, 1984. LC 84-168684.

An index to 75,734 biographical sketches appearing in 194 published volumes. These sketches include persons living between 1820 and 1981 in Northern Mexico, New Mexico, Southern California, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Southwestern Canada.

Name Index to the Library of Congress Collection of Mormon Diaries. (Western Text Society Series, vol. 1, n. 2) Compiled by the Special Collections Dept.,

Merrill Library, Utah State University, Logan, UT: Utah State University Press, 1971. 391pp. ISBN 0-874-21045-3.

This is a name index to Mormon diaries, journals and life sketches of some 450 individuals, as well as a few town and county histories. This publication consists of (1) a list of the diaries in the collection and (2) an alphabetical listing of the names found in the diaries. Inconvenient to the user is the misspelling (usually the original author's fault) of names and the fact that unknown names (e.g., attorney, sister, bishop, etc.) are listed alphabetically by their salutatory title.

Religion Index, One.

Indexes two Mormon periodicals, *Brigham Young University Studies* and *Dialogue.*

MISSIONS

Britsch, R. Lanier. *Unto the Islands of the Sea.* Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1986. 585pp. ISBN 0-877-47754-X.

A scholarly and sympathetically written volume which studies a neglected area of Mormon growth and history. The text covers the Pacific area which includes French Polynesia, Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, Samoa, Tonga and Fiji. The style is faithful, which at times minimizes such significant events as culture conflict. The book includes illustrations, mission and membership statistics, chapter notes, sources consulted and an index.

Haslam, Gerald M. *Clash of Cultures: The Norwegian Experience with Mormonism, 1842-1920.* NY: P. Lang, 1984. 357pp. ISBN 0-820-40179-X.

This book (which is a reduced copy of a camera-ready manuscript) is a revision of the author's BYU dissertation. It examines the Norwegian Mission and Mormon community in Norway. Over half the volume (pages 123-357) consists of chapter notes, appendices and a selective bibliography.

The International Church. Provo, UT: Brigham Young University Publications, 1982. 312pp. LC 82-231902.

Written as a text for Brigham Young University students, this volume gives an LDS viewpoint to the international growth of the Church. Authored by four editors, the 23 chapters include the areas of Europe, the Pacific Islands, Latin America, Asia, Africa, the Near East and North America. Besides the chapter notes the volume contains a pertinent 6 page bibliography which includes dissertations, theses and articles.

The Mormon Presence in Canada. Edited by Brigham Y. Card [et al.]. Logan, UT: Utah State University Press, 1990. 382pp. ISBN 0-874-21147-6.

This volume contains a selection of 17 edited papers that were presented at the Mormon Presence in Canada Conference held at the University of Alberta in May 1987. The selected topical areas include the beginning of Mormon settlements in Canada, the Alberta settlements from 1887-1925, the pioneer and polygamy years, Mormons in the economy and government, social and demographic perspectives and Mormons as an ethnic

people. With chapter notes and an index, the volume gives a reliable generic history of Canadian Mormons.

Mormonism: A Faith for All Cultures. Edited by F. LaMond Tullis. Provo, UT: Brigham Young University Press, 1978. 365pp. ISBN 0-842-51282-9.

This is the best overall publication which addresses the problems of carrying an American based religion across transnational and transcultural lines. This book contains edited versions of remarks made by 38 participants at a symposium held at Brigham Young University in 1976. The volume, in its question, answer and comment format gives more awareness and insight into these problem areas and concerns than any other publication. The editors did a splendid job of fitting all this information into a lucid text which includes illustrations, tables and charts.

For more detailed information on the missionary system of the Church see the article by R. Lanier Britsch, entitled "Mormon Missions: An Introduction to the Latter-day Saints Missionary System," in *Occasional Bulletin* 3 (January 1979) 22-27. In 1993, there were approximately 48,000 full-time missionaries teaching in 69 languages, serving in 295 missions within 110 nations throughout the world. Worldwide, someone joins the LDS Church every minute and 55 seconds. Totals for convert baptisms are: 1988–256,515, 1989–318,940, 1990–330,877, 1991–297,770, and 1992–274,477. Church totals for 1992 were 8,406,895 members, 1,919 stakes and 601 districts.

Morrison, Alexander B. *The Dawning of a Brighter Day: The Church in Black Africa.* Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1990. 149pp. ISBN 0-875-79338-X.

This small non-scholarly book (which is authored by a General Authority of the Church) offers a faithfully written overview of LDS missionary activity in "Black Africa" since the 8 June 1978 policy change that allowed direct proselytizing and receipt of the Priesthood for blacks. The volume has a small bibliography and index.

In addendum to the above title is an account by the first Mormon missionaries to work with the black population of Africa in Rendell N. Mabey and Gordon I. Allred's volume, *Brother to Brother: The Story of the Latter-day Saints Missionaries Who Took the Gospel to Black Africa*, Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1984, 161pp., ISBN 0-884-94519-7. The book gives a "faith promoting" report (primarily written for an LDS audience) on the first year of missionary work in Nigeria and Ghana where over 1,700 black Africans joined the Church.

In addition to the above books is an excellent article by James B. Allen, "Would-be Saints: West Africa before the 1978 Priesthood Revelation," in the *Journal of Mormon History* 17 (1991) 207-247. The article describes the process and frustrations in the opening(s) of West Africa to Mormon missionaries and the Church. The article relates the faith and zeal of the West Africans themselves, as well as their involvement in the missionary process.

Palmer, Spencer J. *The Church Encounters Asia.* Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1970. 201pp. ISBN 0-877-47365-X.

Palmer, BYU professor and former mission leader in Korea (1965-1968), has written an inspiring chronology of the LDS Church opening its missionary/proselyting program in Asia. The areas included are: China, Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, India, Singapore and the Philippines. The questions of comparative religion–Mormonism and the Oriental faiths–are not addressed. The publication (although dated) is well illustrated with map and photographs; a list of Asia Mission Presidents is included, as well as an index.

Scharffs, Gilbert W. *Mormonism in Germany: A History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Germany Between 1840 and 1970.* Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1970. 256pp. ISBN 0-877-47368-4.

This volume is based on the author's dissertation (BYU), which gives it a more studious approach and tedious writing style than most texts in this area. Although the author is over-zealous about Germany's standing as an international mission of the Church and fails in understanding some basic tenets of German history, he does succeed in chronicling the Church's missionary efforts and growth there. The text includes footnotes, charts, tables, lists, maps, photographs, appendices, a bibliography and index.

Truth will Prevail: The Rise of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the British Isles, 1837-1987. Edited by V. Ben Bloxham, James R. Moss and Larry C. Porter. Salt Lake City: Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1987. 462pp. ISBN 0-951-21300-8.

This is a Church funded and sponsored book in celebration of the Church's sesquicentennial into the British Isles. The volume contains 14 chapters that survey the Church's history (1837-1985) in Great Britain, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, while including Canada as the door to this mission territory. The text provides a much needed and updated overview of this area of Church proselytizing and growth. The work includes chapters on both World Wars, the Great Depression, as well as the current Church. The publication contains numerous illustrations, maps, appendices that list Church population and growth, and an index–this publication (even though the contributions are uneven) gives the essential background necessary to understand the next volume; *Mormons in Early Victorian Britain*, edited by Richard L. Jensen and Malcolm R. Thorp, Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1989, 282pp., ISBN 0-874-80322-5. This is volume four of the *Publications in Mormon Studies* series (ISSN 0893-4916) that is sponsored by the University of Utah. The text consists of 13 conference addresses delivered at the 1987 annual Mormon History Association meeting, plus two added articles. The interpretive essays primarily focus on the 1837-1857 time period, and include studies on: the backgrounds and life-styles of early English, Scottish and Welch converts; an examination of religious demographics, regional and local Mormon life, church councils and governance, LDS Pastors and Pastorates, as well as Mormon and non-Mormon interrelationships. The volume includes illustrations, tables, fig-

ures, footnotes, an excellent bibliographic essay (by David Whittaker) and an index.

Tullis, F. LaMond. *Mormons in Mexico: The Dynamics of Faith and Culture.* Logan, Utah: Utah State University Press, 1987. 250pp. ISBN 0-874-21130-1.

Characteristically (as with the above volume that he edited), Tullis (BYU), explains and does not shy away from problems associated with an Americanized institution and leadership crossing national boundaries. Mexico, and the history of the Church's involvement there is important to Mormonism. In 1884, when religious persecution became so severe in Utah, the Church hierarchy decided to place Mormon colonies outside the territorial United States. Since then, thousands of church members have emigrated to and lived in Mexico. Before the 1910 Mexican revolution there were eight identifiable Mormon colonies. Today, Colonia Juarez, in the state of Chihuahua, is the only colonia left; Colonia Dublan (also in the state of Chihuahua) is no longer individually identifiable as a colonia apart from Nuevas Casas Grandes. Tullis' volume is scholarly, well-written and informative; but, due to polygyny being the catalyst for the LDS colonization of Mexico, you may wish to supplement his text with Christa M. Nelson's, University of Utah, M.A. thesis, "Mormon Polygamy in Mexico" (1983) 89pp., OCLC 9733563.

For an article length historical discussion about the Mormons in Mexico see Karl Young's, "Brief Sanctuary," in *The American West* 4 (May 1967) 4-11, 66-67.

An article that does a superb job of explaining the journey to Mexico is B. Carmon Hardy's, "The Trek South: How the Mormons went to Mexico," in the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 73 (July 1969) 1-16.

NEWSPAPERS

Alter, J. Cecil. *Early Utah Journalism: A Half Century of Forensic Warfare, Waged by the West's Most Militant Press.* Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1970 [c1938]. 405pp. ISBN 0-837-13065-4.

First published in 1938 by the Utah State Historical Society, this volume lists 585 Utah publications and gives sketches on more than 400 of those pioneer tabloids. The newspapers are arranged alphabetically by city, except Salt Lake City, which is placed at the end. Helpful are the index, illustrations and the six page table (in the appendix) that lists those "newspapers with brief accessible history, mostly long discontinued and without files."

In addition to the above volume is *Utah's Newspapers–Traces of Her Past*, Salt Lake City: Marriott Library, University of Utah, 1984, 319pp. This publication presents the addresses given at the 1983 Utah Newspaper Project Conference held at the University of Utah. The second part of the text contains a 200 page *Checklist of Utah Newspapers.*

Ashton, Wendell J. *Voice in the West: Biography of a Pioneer Newspaper.* NY: Duell, Sloan & Pearce, 1950. 424pp. LC 50-7381.

A noninterpretive, sympathetic 100 year history (1850-1950) of the Church owned *Deseret News.* The volume contains a wealth of factual information about the paper and its era.

McLaws, Monte Burr. *Spokesman for the Kingdom: Early Mormon Journalism and the Deseret News, 1830-1898.* (Studies in Mormon History Series, vol. 2) Provo, UT: Brigham Young University Press, 1977. 254pp. ISBN 0-842-50023-5.

A critical study concentrating on the 19th century life of the *Deseret News* and its role as an active agent for Mormonism. The study also includes foreign and local LDS newspapers, as well as non-Mormon newspapers in Utah (e.g., the *Salt Lake Tribune*). The volume includes chapter notes, appendix, illustrations, a bibliography and an index.

A general overview of Mormon newspapers for the years 1830 to 1930 may be found in Harrison R. Merrill's, "The Latter-day Saint Press, 1830-1930." M.S. thesis, Columbia University, 1930.

Also, a one to two paragraph description of the many different Mormon periodicals that were published during this same time period may be found in Jenson's *Encyclopedic History* (see History section).

Malmquist, Orvin N. *The First 100 Years: A History of the Salt Lake Tribune, 1871-1971.* Salt Lake City: Utah State Historical Society, 1971. 454pp. LC 74-158989.

Certainly not a Mormon newspaper, but in fact started by excommunicated members (the Godbeites)–this publication evolved into an ardent anti-Mormon tabloid. Important is the paper's history and relationship with the LDS Church, its hierarchy, and the city of Salt Lake.

PERIODICALS–CURRENT–OFFICIAL

The following four religious periodicals are published by the Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and thus are considered "official publications" of the LDS church. All of these periodicals are subscription only and are *not* freely mailed out.

Church News–1931-. Weekly. Subscription cost $13. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Corporation of the President, 30 E. 100 S. St., P.O. Box 1257, Salt Lake City, UT 84110. Editor: Del Van Orden. Circulation: 225,000. OCLC 15927063.

The *Church News* is a weekly newspaper supplement section published by the LDS Church every Saturday as part of *The Deseret News* (a local Salt Lake City newspaper). It contains the weekly news of the Church; world-wide in scope–but mostly from Utah. The tabloid is mailed to those outside of Utah.

Ensign–1971-. Monthly. Subscription cost $10. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Corporation of the President, 50 E. North Temple St., Salt Lake

City, UT 84150. Managing Editor: Jay M. Todd. Circulation: 619,000. LC 85-645322. ISSN 0013-8606, 0884-1136.

The *Ensign* is a monthly magazine for all adult Church members. It contains monthly news of the Church, as well as "Messages of the First Presidency," and articles about Church members worldwide. It also reports the addresses of the biannual conferences of the Church in its May and November issues.

Friend–1971-. Monthly. Subscription cost $8. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Corporation of the President, 50 E. North Temple St., Salt Lake City, UT 84150. Managing Editor: Vivian Paulsen. Circulation: 239,000. ISSN 0009-4102.

The *Friend* is a magazine written for those in the Church under the age of 12. This official church organ provides a basic children's periodical filled with stories and activities for children and parents with children.

New Era–1971-. Monthly. Subscription cost $8. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Corporation of the President, 50 E. North Temple St., Salt Lake City, UT 84150. Editor: Brian Kelly. Circulation: 210,000. ISSN 0164-5285.

The *New Era* is the Church's publication for its members in the adolescent age group. The periodical contains articles and lessons that deal with Church issues and standards as they relate to teenagers.

PERIODICALS–CURRENT–UNOFFICIAL

BYU Studies (quarterly, 1959-) is published by Brigham Young University, 2246 SFLC, BYU, Provo, UT 84602. Subscription cost $15. Editor: John W. Welch. Circulation: 3,650. ISSN 0007-0106 (1959-1970, 1984-current), 0272-3824 (1971-1975), 0277-7363 (1975-1979), 0278-1980 (1979-1983).

The journal includes articles, essays, poetry and book reviews that reflect a Latter-day Saint point of view–scholarly, but conservative. It also features the annual "Mormon Bibliography" by Ellen M. Copley. Indexed annually in the year-end issue, there is also a 31 volume index (1959-1991) that was published as the Fall 1991 issue.

Abstracted in *Current Contents: Behavior, Social, and Management Sciences*; indexed in *Religion Index One: Periodicals* (articles), *Index to Book Reviews in Religion*, and listed in *MLA International Bibliography, Arts & Humanities Citation Index, America: History and Life Annual Index* and *Historical Abstracts*.

Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought (quarterly, 1966-) is published by the Dialogue Foundation, P.O. Box 658, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-0658. Subscription cost $25. Editors: Martha S. Bradley and Allen D. Roberts. Circulation: 4,000. ISSN 0012-2157.

More scholarly and liberal than *Brigham Young University Studies*, its issues contain articles, essays, poetry, fiction, book reviews and reproductions of art. Indexed once a year (since 1985 the summer issue contains the

index for the previous year's volumes) plus a separate twenty year index is also available.

The periodical is indexed in *Religion Index One, America: History and Life* and *Historical Abstracts.*

Exponent II (quarterly, 1974-) is published by Exponent II Inc., Box 37, Arlington, MA 02174. Subscription cost $10. Editor: Susan L. Paxman. Circulation: 4,000.

A newspaper (tabloid format) concerning Mormon women, published by Mormon women. Contents include fiction, poetry, book reviews and art. The periodical takes its name and nature from the earlier *Woman's Exponent* that was issued by prominent LDS women between 1872 and 1914. *Exponent II* seeks to support open discussion of the problems associated with being a Mormon woman and foster sisterhood by providing a forum to share ideas and feelings.

The John Whitmer Historical Association Journal (annual, 1981-) is published yearly by the John Whitmer Historical Association, Graceland College, Lamoni, IA 50140. Subscription cost $10. Editorial Committee. Circulation: 600. ISSN 0739-7852.

Articles deal with general Mormon history with an emphasis toward the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (RLDS). Articles are academic in composition and each volume contains many book reviews. An index in volume 10 (1990) gives an author listing of all articles and book reviews for volumes 1-10.

Journal of Mormon History (annual, 1974-1991; biannual, 1992-) is published biannually by the Mormon History Association, P.O. Box 7010, University Station, Provo, UT 84602. Subscription cost $15. Editor: Lavina Fielding Anderson. Circulation: 1,500. ISSN 0094-7342.

Before 1992 this publication was an annual, now with biannual editions the journal will add book reviews, letters to the editor, and advertising. Articles published deal with Mormon history in a scholarly fashion. There is a self index published annually in the associations' newsletter along with a ten year index located in volume 10 (1983) of the *Journal.* Indexed in *America: History and Life* and *Historical Abstracts.*

Sunstone (bimonthly, 1975-) is published by the Sunstone Foundation, 331 S. Rio Grande, Suite 30, Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1136. Subscription cost $32. Editor: Elbert Peck. Circulation 6,000. ISSN 0363-1370.

A very liberal Mormon magazine which is usually on the cutting edge of current events within the LDS community. Articles deal with LDS theology, history, art and contemporary issues. It also publishes poetry, fiction and drama. The magazine is noted for its varied opinions, as well as its emphasis for honest, scholarly and challenging inquiry.

This People (quarterly, 1979-) is published by the Utah Alliance Publishing Inc., P.O. Box 2250, Salt Lake City, UT 84110. Subscription cost $11.95. Editors: Maurine Jensen Proctor and Scot Facer Proctor. Circulation: 40,000. ISSN 0273-6527.

A layman Mormon magazine directed to the general LDS community and family. Non-doctrinal in content.

Utah Historical Quarterly (quarterly, 1928-) is published by the Utah State Historical Society, 300 Rio Grande, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. Subscription cost $20. Editor: Max J. Evans. Circulation 3,500. ISSN 0042-143X.

Published by the Utah State Historical Society, this periodical was established in 1928 to publish articles, documents, and reviews that contribute to the knowledge of Utah's history. Self indexed in the last issue of the year (Fall); also indexed and abstracted in *America: History and Life, Historical Abstracts, Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature, Writings on American History, Recently Published Articles–American Historical Association and Book Review Index to Social Science Periodicals.*

POLYGYNY

Embry, Jessie L. *Mormon Polygamous Families: Life in the Principle.* (*Publications in Mormon Studies* Series, vol. 1) Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1987. 238pp. ISBN 0-874-80277-6, and 0-317-62739-2 (BIP).

Embry (BYU) developed an oral history project to interview former members of polygamous families. Within the text, she deals *clinically* with such subjects as attitudes, relationships, household economy, social activity, church activity and difficulties within polygamous homes in the late 19th and early 20th century. She also compares family life between monogamous and polygamous households.

Foster, Lawrence. *Religion and Sexuality: Three American Communal Experiments of the Nineteenth Century.* Oxford University Press, 1981. 363pp. ISBN 0-195-02794-9 (also in pbk., University of Illinois, 1984. ISBN 0-252-01119-8).

Based on the author's dissertation (University of Chicago), this volume is a careful and judicious study of three religious communities and their marriage practices. The text is humanistic and compassionate. For communal studies, this title is recommend over Kern's. Also, the volume comes complete with a splendid essay on sources and an index. For a more comprehensive study on polygyny, use this title with Van Wagoner's.

To augment Foster's work, the following two articles may be of help: "Divorce among Mormon Polygamists: Extent and Explanation," by Eugene E. Campbell and Bruce L. Campbell, in the *Utah Historical Quarterly* 46 (Winter 1978) 4-23; and "Polygynous Fertility: Sexual Competition versus Progeny," by Douglas L. Anderton and Rebecca Jean Emigh, in *American Journal of Sociology* 94 (January 1989) 832-855.

Kern, Louis J. *An Ordered Love: Sex Roles and Sexuality in Victorian Utopias–the Shakers, the Mormons, and the Oneida Community.* University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Press, 1981. 430pp. ISBN 0-807-81443-1 (also in pbk., ISBN 0-807-84074-2).

Using psychohistorical techniques grounded in Freudian psychology, Kern gives a psychobiography of the three leaders of the above religious groups.

He then uses this analysis for the understanding of the groups' sex roles and relationships in their respective communities. Not as complete or as careful as Foster's study.

Letters from Exile: The Correspondence of Martha Hughes Cannon and Angus M. Cannon, 1886-1888. Edited by Constance L. Lieber and John Sillito. Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1989. 286pp. ISBN 0-941-21477-X.

This is a well edited volume that augments and personalizes academic studies on polygyny. Within these pages are the day-to-day realities of the life of an exiled polygamist as expressed through the individual thoughts and feelings in two years of letters between a husband and wife. Martha Cannon (the fourth wife of Angus Cannon) fled to Europe, leaving her husband and country in order to escape federal prosecution for the crime of cohabitation. A highly recommended and readable book that also adds to the genre of epistolary literature. The editors include a brief chronology, explanatory notes, data on frequently mentioned persons, and an index.

Van Wagoner, Richard S. *Mormon Polygamy: A History.* Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1986. 307pp. ISBN 0-941-21435-4 (also pbk., 2nd ed., 1989. 255pp. ISBN 0-941-21479-6).

Clearly, this volume not only represents the most scholarly, comprehensive and unbiased study to date, but also the first book-length narrative history of this controversial topic. The volume includes a bibliography and an index.

A volume that adds numerical detail and comprehensiveness to Van Wagoner's work is Larry M. Logue's *A Sermon in the Desert: Belief and Behavior in Early St. George, Utah.* Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1988. 165pp. ISBN 0-252-01474-X. Although a community study of St. George, Utah, (and not a history of polygyny) the author does add significant statistical detail to its populational practice, as well as illuminating an understanding of nineteenth-century life.

SCRIPTURE

Anderson, Richard Lloyd. *Understanding Paul.* Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Company, 1983. 448pp. ISBN 0-877-47984-4 (also in pbk., (1990) ISBN 0-875-79477-7).

Anderson's text is a comprehensive one volume study of the apostle Paul, his world and words from a Mormon interpretation and perspective. Not a verse by verse commentary, but a selective topical discussion of the book of Acts and each of Paul's epistles. In addition to the eight chapters of text Anderson also adds four appendices that add a chronology and description of Paul, a treatise on baptism for the dead and an annotated glossary of ancient sources. Along with the appendices are chapter notes and a scripture and general index. Missing from the volume is a bibliography.

Andrus, Hyrum L. *Doctrinal Commentary on the Pearl of Great Price.* Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Company, 1967. 522pp. LC 67-17799.

The *Pearl of Great Price* was compiled and published in Great Britain by Franklin D. Richards on 11 July 1851. The volume contains extracts from the various writings and translations made by Joseph Smith. Richards compiled the text as a missionary tract for the Saints and missionaries living overseas. In 1880, the membership of the Church accepted the volume as scripture–it was therefore canonized as the fourth scriptural volume of the Church.

Although the first chapter (the one that treats the historical compilation of the volume) is outdated when compared to Peterson's text, this work offers the best overall discussion of the doctrinal contributions of the *Pearl of Great Price.* Andrus is perceptive in his textual analyses and logical in the syntheses of the material. Not a verse by verse or chapter by chapter commentary, but a topically arranged elucidation of selected theological themes as found within the sacred text. The volume is thoroughly footnoted and includes an index.

Barlow, Philip L. *Mormons and the Bible: The Place of the Latter-day Saints in American Religion. (Religion in America Series)* NY: Oxford University Press, 1991. 251pp. ISBN 0-195-06233-7.

The volume is an outgrowth of the author's 1988 (Harvard University) dissertation, "The Bible in Mormonism." Within the text, Barlow (Hanover College) analyzes how the Bible (specifically the King James Version) is used within the LDS tradition by examining its employment by nine "key individuals [from Joseph Smith to present day] who have had particular impact on Mormon scriptural" understanding (Introduction). Barlow then compares this "Mormon" approach with that of other American religionists. The work is scholarly, but lucid and interestingly written. It contains footnotes, a selective bibliography and an index.

Book of Mormon Critical Text: A Tool for Scholarly Reference. 2nd ed., 3 vols. Compiled by the Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies, Provo, UT: F.A.R.M.S., 1987. ISBN 0-934-89307-1.

A massive effort consisting of 1,331 pages of critical text and footnotes. Obviously, this volume is for the serious researcher or student of the *Book of Mormon*, Joseph Smith, or the translation/publication process of the *Book of Mormon.* Two major weaknesses are (1) overkill with facts, Oxford English Dictionary definitions and dates; and (2) inconsistency with presentation. (For purchase information write or call: F.A.R.M.S., P.O. Box 7113, University Station, Provo, UT 84602 (801-378-3295 or 800-327-6715).

Cook, Lyndon W. *The Revelations of the Prophet Joseph Smith: A Historical and Biographical Commentary of the Doctrine and Covenants.* Provo, UT: Seventy's Mission Bookstore, 1981. 380pp. (also, Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1985. ISBN 0-877-47947-X).

This volume is a contextual commentary of the historical background of each section and biography of people named within the *Doctrine and Covenants.* The text is supplemented with maps, endnotes, appendices and a

combined name and subject index. An excellently written and researched work.

Nibley, Hugh. *Since Cumorah.* 2nd ed., Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1988 [c1967]. 512pp. ISBN 0-875-79139-5.

Nibley began his Mormon publishing in 1946 by writing a small pamphlet that took opposition to Brodie's 1945 biography of Joseph Smith. Since that time he has become a "verbal rapier" of those who publish anti-Mormon works. With much acrimony, sarcasm and mockery he vindicates Joseph Smith, Brigham Young and Mormonism from the then current and previous anti-Mormon publishers. *Since Cumorah* was his first departure from that 21 year career as Mormonism's defender. Within these pages Nibley uses his classical academic training to test the *Book of Mormon* as a "genuine work of history–a record of a transplanted culture." The text was written as a challenge to both Mormon, non-Mormon, scholar and student alike. The publication includes footnotes and an index.

Latter-day Prophets and the Doctrine and Covenants. 4 vols. Compiled by Roy W. Doxey. Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Company, 1963-1965. LC 64-2097 (also in pbk. (1978) vol. 1, ISBN 0-87747-704-3; vol. 2, ISBN 0-87747-705-1; vol. 3, ISBN 0-87747-707-8; and vol. 4, ISBN 0-87747-708-6).

A standard reference source for the *Doctrine and Covenants*, as well as a testament to the work of graduate assistants. Within these four volumes are quotations from General Authorities dealing (in chronological order) with each section and nearly every verse of the *Doctrine and Covenants*. Each volume has its own index and listing of General Authorities quoted, with volume four providing a selective bibliography.

Matthews, Robert J. *A Plainer Translation: Joseph Smith's Translation of the Bible, a History and Commentary.* Provo, UT: Brigham Young University Press, 1975. 468pp. ISBN 0-842-51411-2.

The "Joseph Smith translation (JST) of the Bible," or the *Holy Scriptures*, or the "New Translation," or popularly called the *Inspired Version*, are all names for the translation that Joseph Smith performed on the Bible. Reading from an American printed King James Version of the Bible, Smith (mostly during the years 1830 to 1833) marked certain passages of scripture and dictated their revision which included deletions and additions to a scribe. The translation was printed in 1867, by the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (RLDS).

Matthews' volume answers most any question about the history of the JST, as well as its occurrence, significance and special contributions to LDS doctrine. Subtracting from the volume's significance is the section dealing with the doctrinal contributions of the JST. Here, the author ignores all extra Biblical scholarship in dealing with the revisions made by Joseph Smith. His volume is a painstakingly and meticulously well-researched work that includes a bibliography and both a subject and scripture index.

McConkie, Bruce R. *Doctrinal New Testament Commentary.* 3 vols. Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1965, 1971, 1973. LC 65-29174.

McConkie (1915-1985), a General Authority of the Church, who was also considered one of its leading scripturists, wrote this doctrinally focused verse-by-verse interpretation of the New Testament. Extraordinarily important to the membership was McConkie's use of the Joseph Smith Translation (JST) of the Bible throughout the entire commentary. This paradigm "gave permission" to the general membership to use the JST. The commentary reenforces similar doctrinal interpretations as taught by Talmage (1862-1933) at the turn of the century. Each volume contains a scriptural index, with volume one including a doctrinal harmony of the gospels. Non-LDS sources are limited to the Jamieson, Fausset, Brown; and the Dummelow commentaries. The set has no appendix, bibliography, or notes.

Peterson, H. Donl. *The Pearl of Great Price: A History and Commentary.* Salt Lake City: Deseret Cook Company, 1987. 400pp. ISBN 0-875-70096-8.

Peterson (BYU) offers an orthodox LDS commentary to the *Pearl of Great Price*. The publication is divided into two parts: (1) a history of the volume's compilation and printing, and (2) a commentary which deals with important passages of text. Problematic with the volume is the author's failure to add any new or original insight or research on the text or its history. Specifically, he ignores the evolution of the Wentworth Letter, and the relationship between the Book of Abraham and the manuscripts that were found at the New York Metropolitan Museum in 1967. The book concludes with a small LDS bibliography and an index.

As an addendum to part one of the volume read the author's article "Antonio Lebolo: Excavator of the Book of Abraham," in *BYU Studies* 31 (Summer 1991) 5-29.

Shapiro, R. Gary. *An Exhaustive Concordance of the Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and Pearl of Great Price.* Salt Lake City: Hawkes Publishing Inc., 1977. 1081pp. + 13pp. supplement (1976). ISBN 0-890-36085-5.

This work is an exhaustive alphabetical listing of all words (save 89 common words like a, and, the, etc.) as they appear in the sacred texts.

Sorenson, John L. *An Ancient American Setting for the Book of Mormon.* Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1985. 415pp. ISBN 0-877-47608-X.

This book represents the first scholarly, unapologetic and nonpolemical study of the cultural, historical and geographical setting of the *Book of Mormon*. The text includes illustrations, maps, chapter notes, scripture references and an index.

Sperry, Sidney B. *Book of Mormon Compendium.* Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1968. 588pp. LC 68-56892.

This publication depicts the best in religious commentary from an LDS scholar. Sperry (1895-1977), was the first Latter-day Saint to graduate from a divinity school (Chicago. 1931). He specialized in the Old Testament and taught at BYU. Although a doctrinal compendium and not a commentary, the volume is divided into 32 chapters and includes footnotes, cited scriptures and a subject index.

Sperry, Sidney B. *Doctrine and Covenants Compendium.* Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1960. 779pp. LC 60-52227.

The above title is the companion volume to this publication which determined the compendium organization. Not a verse by verse or section by section commentary, but a subject-matter discussion of important doctrinal and religious concepts contained within the *Doctrine and Covenants.* Use this volume for a commentary, Woodford's as a historical and textual study and Cook's as a biographical work on people named within the revelatory text. Sperry's publication includes footnotes, appendices, a selective bibliography, and a per section and subject index.

Sperry, Sidney B. *The Voice of Israel's Prophets: A Latter-day Saint Interpretation of the Major and Minor Prophets of the Old Testament.* Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1952. 457pp.

Dated and long out-of-print, this pioneer publication of Old Testament exegesis places Sperry within his discipline and personifies his most useful work resulting in the best overall and most learned LDS commentary on the Old Testament. The text is really two books, a combination of Sperry's earlier work *The Message of the Twelve Prophets* and his 1950 writings on the Major Prophets. The publication includes footnotes and a small index.

Woodford, Robert J. "The Historical Development of the Doctrine and Covenants." 3 vols. Ph.D. diss., Brigham Young University, 1974. OCLC 13964367, 7155989.

This is the definitive work explaining both the historical and textual development of the *Doctrine and Covenants.* Cumbersome in its present unpublished form and too detailed for anyone but serious researchers, it is still too significant a work not to be apprised of. It is available as a photocopy from University Microfilms Inc.

JOSEPH SMITH

Anderson, Rodger I. *Joseph Smith's New York Reputation Reexamined.* Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1989. 178pp. ISBN 0-941-21481-8.

This text provides an easy reading and examining overview of some controversial testimonials about Joseph Smith and the Smith family when they lived in New York (the geographical genesis of the Church). The volume adds to both Hill's and Brodie's work on Joseph Smith, and continues the discussion that began with the first interview in 1833. The book contains chapter notes, an index and appendices that contain the reproduced texts of the affidavits, statements and interviews that are in question.

A continuation of the above discussion may be found in Richard Lloyd Anderson's review of the above volume in *Review of Books on the Book of Mormon* (ISSN 1050-7930) 3 (1991) 52-80; also Marvin S. Hill's more dispassionate review of the above publication in *BYU Studies* 30 (Fall 1990) 70-74.

Brodie, Fawn M. *No Man Knows My History: The Life of Joseph Smith the*

Mormon Prophet. 2nd rev. & enl. ed., NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1971 [c1945]. 521pp. ISBN 0-394-46967-4.

Although dated, her biographies: Joseph Smith (1945), Thaddeus Stevens (1959), Sir Richard Burton (1967), Thomas Jefferson (1974) and Richard Nixon (1981), still generate both acclaim and criticism. The criticism usually centers on her use of Freudian psychobiographical techniques to ascertain a historical figure's experiences and motivations through a psychological interpretation of their writings. Although *this* seminal work is still the most analytical and provocative biography written on Smith, the following four problems are conspicuous with Brodie's research: (1) before beginning her examination of sources, she was already convinced that Joseph Smith's religious experiences were unauthentic. Thus, the volume's naturalistic perspective (along with its limiting choices of explanatory categories) were preconceived before the research began. (2) She also chose not to access the documents in the LDS Historical Archives at Salt Lake City. Consequently, her volume lacks both the balance and information available from the single largest collection on Mormonism. (3) By ignoring the aforementioned collection she was ignorant of the fact that most of Joseph Smith's papers and diaries were written *by* scribes in first-person for him (see *History of the Church*), and (4) her libraries of research were located mainly in New York, Connecticut, Chicago and Missouri, which in the 1940's were chiefly anti-Mormon collections. Ergo, her book reflects an anti-Mormon attitude.

A more prudent, but less biographical and novelized treatment on Joseph Smith may be found in Hill's book, *Joseph Smith "The First Mormon."*

An article that encompasses both Brodie and her famous first biography is Newell G. Bringhurst's, "Fawn Brodie and Her Quest for Independence," in *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 22 (Summer 1989) 78-95.

Two scholarly LDS reviews on Brodie's volume are: Marvin S. Hill, "Secular or Sectarian History? A Critique of 'No Man Knows My History,' " *Church History* 43 (March 1974) 78-96; and Louis Midgley, "The Brodie Connection: Thomas Jefferson and Joseph Smith," *Brigham Young University Studies* 20 (Fall 1979) 59-67.

Hill, Donna. *Joseph Smith "The First Mormon."* Rev. ed., Garden City, NY: Doubleday & Co., 1983 [c1977]. 552pp. ISBN 0-385-00804-X (also in pbk., Midvale, UT: Signature Books, ISBN 0-941-21416-8).

This volume represents the most current scholarly biography of Joseph Smith. What makes this title the most useful treatment to date is its middle-of-the-road handling and interpretation of the source material. A fairly written, easy reading and thoroughly researched work; this highly recommended volume contains a bibliography and an index.

History of Joseph Smith by his Mother, Lucy Mack Smith. Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1958 [c1853]. 355pp. LC 61-21185.

This important volume represents the first Mormon biography. She initially entitled it "The History of Mother Smith, by Herself," but it was published under the title *Biographical Sketches of Joseph Smith the Prophet, and His*

Progenitors for Many Generations, by Lucy Mack Smith, Liverpool: S.W. Richards, 1853, OCLC 4922756, LC 73-83439. This 1853 edition was published by Orson Pratt while serving in England as a mission leader for the Church. Mother Smith dictated the work mostly from memory in 1845-46, and this may account for its minor historical errors. Texts available now (1958 to current) consist of a Church ordered revision/correction of the original edition.

Joseph Smith: Selected Sermons and Writings (Sources of American Spirituality Series, vol. 17). Edited by Robert L. Millet. NY: Paulist Press, 1989. 266pp. ISBN 0-809-10427-X.

This volume is part of a series that encompasses Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox and Jewish peoples living in North and Central America. The editorial selections of Smith's writings give a fair and representative introduction to early Mormonism and to Joseph Smith. The editorial introduction and comments provide a platform in which a disciple shows how Smith is viewed within the bonds of Mormonism. This publication is a good single-volume collection of first-generation Mormon documents. It is recommended along with the entire set for undergraduate use.

For more detailed research in this area, the new set by Jessee, *The Papers of Joseph Smith*, is recommended.

The Papers of Joseph Smith. Edited by Dean C. Jessee. Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1989. 557pp. LC 89-11720. ISBN 0-875-79199-9.

This is volume one of a projected six to eight volume set. Once completed the set should "include everything that has appeared over Joseph's Smith name." Jessee uses such primary sources as holographs, letters, diary entries and autobiographical accounts to help the reader understand the "inner man" and framework of Joseph Smith. For helpful reference the first volume contains a Joseph Smith chronology, maps, a biographical register, a list of works cited and an index. When completed this set will be the best work in which to examine the papers, writings and maturation of Joseph Smith's thoughts and ideas–a necessity for original research, and a must for special collections. Volume two is subtitled *Journal 1832-1842*, and the succeeding volumes will contain correspondence to Joseph Smith–following the example set by the Jefferson and Washington Papers.

TEMPLES

Andrew, Laurel B. *The Early Temples of the Mormons: The Architecture of the Millennial Kingdom in the American West.* Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 1978 [c1977]. 218pp. ISBN 0-873-95358-4.

The volume is an outgrowth of her 1973 (University of Michigan) dissertation, which accounts for the lack of bibliographic citations after 1971. Her work is scholarly and focuses on the architecture of Latter-day Saint Temples. The publication provides provocative reading as this nonbeliever recounts her perceptions of sanctuaries held most sacred by Mormons.

Regrettably, this studious and recommended title is impregnated with anti-Mormon biases and derogatory remarks which detract from the text. The volume includes 90 illustrations, footnotes, chapter notes and a bibliography.

The Salt Lake Temple: A Monument to a People. Compiled by C. Nina Cutrubus, Salt Lake City: University Services, 1984 [c1983]. 208pp. ISBN 0-913-53500-1.

The accompanying text was adapted from C. Mark Hamilton's (1979 Ohio State University) dissertation, "The Salt Lake Temple: An Architectural Monograph," OCLC 13939196, 10271995. The volume is a photographic essay with more than 200 illustrations of the Salt Lake Temple, along with a discussion of the symbolism and design of both the exterior, interior and the overall architectural concept.

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